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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

New York, N.Y.

4 v.

18 Cr. 0036(JPO)

5 DAVID MIDDENDORF and JEFFREY
6 WADA,

7 Defendants.

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10 9:35 a.m.

11 Before:

12 HON. J. PAUL OETKEN,

13 District Judge
14 and a jury

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(Trial resumed; jury not present)

THE COURT: Good morning, everyone.

I have received three letters and responses over the weekend from counsel to Mr. Wada and I'm not sure, do we need to address any of those before we begin today?

MS. KRAMER: Yes, your Honor.

The motion to preclude Brian Sweet's testimony of statements made to him by Cynthia Holder is going to come up very early in his direct testimony.

THE COURT: Okay. Is he the next witness?

MS. KRAMER: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Is there anything -- so, who wants to address the motion on your side?

MR. WEDDLE: I will, your Honor.

THE COURT: I am a little confused.

The argument you are making is that because there was an agreement to keep Mr. Wada's name out of it that that was the conspiracy. There is evidence -- the conspiracy as alleged by the government subject to connection between Mr. Wada and Ms. Holder, is the conspiracy to secretly provide the inspection list information. Whether there was a separate agreement or part of that agreement to keep his name out of it doesn't change the fact that by a preponderance, subject to connection, there would be a conspiracy between Mr. Wada and Ms. Holder.

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1 I just don't even get the argument.

2 MR. WEDDLE: Assuming that that's the case, your
3 Honor, that there is a conspiracy between Mr. Wada and
4 Ms. Holder, if it is what I have called a non-dissemination
5 conspiracy, that is, the terms of that agreement are that what
6 they say should stay between them --

7 THE COURT: But it is keep my name out of it, it is
8 not don't provide the information further within KPMG. There
9 is no suggestion that it's --

10 MR. WEDDLE: I think it is both. I think it is both,
11 your Honor.

12 I think that --

13 THE COURT: You think he was providing the inspection
14 information to Ms. Holder just for her own amusement and not to
15 be used by KPMG? That makes no sense.

16 MR. WEDDLE: The point of our letter, your Honor, is
17 that the burden is on the government to prove by a
18 preponderance that that's not the case and I do think that
19 there is a theory that does make sense which is that Cynthia
20 Holder was hired by KPMG to help them in dealing with the
21 PCAOB. So, here she is coming in with a bunch of experience
22 and wisdom about the PCAOB, ostensibly, and it is equally
23 likely, based on the -- first of all, we have heard none of the
24 evidence about the conspiracy so far but I think, even based on
25 the allegations in the indictment it is equally likely that

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1 there was an agreement between Wada and Holder that was
2 designed to stay between them. So, you could imagine a
3 conspiracy where he could give her information that she would
4 use to make herself look good, not that she would further
5 disseminate to anyone else at KPMG and not that she would tell
6 anyone else at KPMG I'm not that good at this stuff, I just
7 have inside information.

8 They have to disprove that kind of theory by a
9 preponderance and I think when we get right down to the
10 evidence, the only evidence that they have that's an attempt to
11 tip the balance one way or the other are the out-of-court
12 statements by Holder and those are not, alone, enough to
13 satisfy the Rule 104 burden of proof that they carry.

14 So, I think that there are a lot of different theories
15 about the contours of the agreement.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Kramer, would you like to
17 respond?

18 MS. KRAMER: Ms. Estes is going to argue, your Honor.

19 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the evidence will show that
20 there was no plan to keep Wada's name out of it. The whole
21 point of Wada disseminating this information is so that Cynthia
22 Holder and Brian Sweet would know that he was the leaker and
23 they would help him get a job at KPMG because he was the one
24 that gave them this information. That's why he was doing it.
25 We cited a few examples in our letter yesterday of text

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1 messages to this effect where Wada and Holder were talking
2 about how Brian and Cindy were going to help him get a job at
3 KPMG. So, of course Cynthia Holder's statements that Wada was
4 the leaker to Brian Sweet who was going to help him get a job,
5 those were in furtherance of the conspiracy because Wada's
6 whole point, his whole motive in doing this was to get a job at
7 KPMG.

8 The statement that Mr. Weddle cites is basically after
9 all of the conduct here. Holder promises Wada that she's not
10 going to tell the general counsel that he is the one involved.
11 That's completely consistent with there still be being
12 conspiracy that Wada wants Sweet and co-conspirators at KPMG to
13 know that he is the leaker because he wants to get a job. He
14 needs them to know that.

15 THE COURT: Okay. I find that there is a sufficient
16 proffer for present purposes. I'm going to deny request the
17 for a Rule 104 hearing and I'm going to allow the testimony,
18 subject to connection, as is the normal practice. But, the
19 objection is in the record and is noted.

20 Can we begin?

21 MR. WEDDLE: Your Honor, just very briefly.

22 Since we have done the letter writing on this issue,
23 to preserve our objection for down the road, do we need to
24 object each time they talk about these out-of-court statements
25 from Ms. Holder or is this letter writing sufficient.

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1 THE COURT: The letter writing is sufficient.

2 MR. WEDDLE: Thank you.

3 THE COURT: Your objection is preserved on the issue.

4 May we proceed?

5 MS. KRAMER: Yes, your Honor. May I put the witness

6 on the stand?

7 THE COURT: Yes.

8 Sir, if you would please come up to the witness chair

9 here? You can be seated.

10 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

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1 (Jury present)

2 THE COURT: You may be seated.

3 Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

4 THE JURY: Good morning.

5 THE COURT: I hope you had a good, long weekend. Are
6 all your note pads there on your chairs?

7 JUROR: Yes.

8 THE COURT: We are continuing with testimony in the
9 case and the government may call its next witness.

10 MS. KRAMER: Thank you, your Honor. The government
11 calls Brian Sweet.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Sweet is already on the stand.

13 Mr. Sweet, if you would please raise your right hand,
14 you will be sworn in.

15 BRIAN JOHN SWEET,

16 called as a witness by the Government,

17 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

18 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Please state your full name, and
19 spell your last name, slowly, for the record.

20 THE WITNESS: Brian John Sweet.

21 DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 BY MS. KRAMER:

23 Q. Good morning, Mr. Sweet. How old are you?

24 A. I am 41 years old.

25 Q. In what state do you currently live?

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1 A. I live in California.

2 Q. Are you employed?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What kind of job do you have?

5 A. I work for a private, family-owned manufacturing company.

6 Q. What is your role there?

7 A. I oversee the accounting department.

8 Q. What's your educational background?

9 A. I graduated with a bachelors degree from the University of
10 Notre Dame.

11 Q. In what subject?

12 A. Accounting.

13 Q. In what year did you graduate from college?

14 A. In the year 2000.

15 Q. From the time you graduated from college in 2000 until
16 early 2017, what did you do for a living?

17 A. I worked in public accounting, primarily in auditing roles.

18 Q. Who were your employers between 2000 and 2017?

19 A. I first worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers, also referred to
20 as PwC. Then I worked for the Public Company Accounting
21 Oversight Board -- the PCAOB -- and then I worked for KPMG.

22 Q. What kind of businesses are PwC and KPMG?

23 A. They are both very large public accounting firms.

24 Q. In very general terms, what does it mean to be a large
25 public accounting firm?

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1 A. A public accounting firm is a firm that does public company
2 audits.

3 Q. Can you give an example of a public company that has its
4 financial statements audited by a big public accounting firm
5 like KPMG?

6 A. McDonald's, Apple, IBM.

7 Q. And, in very general terms, what does it mean to audit the
8 financial statements of a public company?

9 A. Auditing, it's really a set of tests and procedures in
10 order to issue an opinion that the financial statements can be
11 relied upon, that they're complete and accurate.

12 Q. Between 2000 and 2017, did you have any professional
13 licenses?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q. What kind of professional licenses did you have?

16 A. I was a certified public accountant, or CPA.

17 Q. In what states were you licensed as a CPA?

18 A. In California, Illinois, and New York.

19 Q. During approximately what years did you work at PwC?

20 A. I worked at PwC from 2000 to 2009.

21 Q. What positions did you hold there?

22 A. I started off as an associate, then was a senior associate,
23 then a manager, then a senior manager, and then what became a
24 director.

25 Q. During approximately what years did you work at the PCAOB?

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1 A. I worked at the PCAOB from 2009 through 2015.

2 Q. What positions did you hold there?

3 A. I started off as an Inspection Specialist III, also often
4 referred to as IS-3; then I was inspections leader, or IL; and
5 then I became an associate director, or AD.

6 Q. Were you assigned to a particular group at the PCAOB?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Which one?

9 A. I worked in their inspections group.

10 Q. Were you assigned to inspect the audits of any particular
11 public accounting firm?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Which one?

14 A. KPMG.

15 Q. In general terms, what is the PCAOB?

16 A. The PCAOB is the regulatory body for public accounting
17 firms.

18 Q. And, generally, what's your understanding about the
19 principal ways that the PCAOB regulates public accounting
20 firms?

21 A. They regulate public accounting firms by setting auditing
22 standards, they have the right auditing standards, they do it
23 through their inspections group and inspections of the firm and
24 they have an enforcement function as well.

25 Q. What do you mean by the PCAOB conducts inspections? Could

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1 you explain what that means?

2 A. So, one of the things that they'll do is they will select
3 and test a sample of the firm's financial statement audits each
4 year in order to determine whether or not those audits are good
5 audits or bad audits. And, they also will go through and test
6 the firm's overall system of quality control in order to form
7 an opinion and ultimately issue a report on whether or not the
8 firm is good at conducting audits, and high quality or not.

9 Q. And approximately how many audits performed by the
10 accounting firm does the PCAOB typically look at in testing a
11 sample of a firm's audits each year?

12 A. For a big firm like KPMG it would be roughly 50 audits
13 every year -- 50 inspections of those audits every year.

14 Q. Out of approximately how many audits of public companies?

15 A. Out of 700 or 800.

16 Q. When does the PCAOB typically give a firm like KPMG notice
17 of which of those individual audits it's going to inspect?

18 A. They give notice two to three weeks before they plan to
19 start the inspection.

20 Q. And what's your understanding about when the PCAOB gives
21 that notice relative to the end of the 45-day documentation
22 period for each audit?

23 A. They give that notice only after the documentation period
24 has ended -- at least generally speaking.

25 Q. And before the PCAOB gives that official notice, what is

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1 your understanding about whether the identification of which
2 audits the PCAOB is going to specifically inspect is
3 confidential or not?

4 A. It is very much confidential.

5 Q. Do you have an understanding from your time at the PCAOB as
6 to why the PCAOB typically does not give notice until the end
7 of the 45-day documentation period?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What's your understanding about that?

10 A. The PCAOB doesn't want the name of who they plan to inspect
11 to get out because it wants to have an unbiased view of what
12 the real audit work would have been without the firm or without
13 the team doing anything different only because they know that
14 there is going to be an inspection.

15 Q. What was your position when you worked at KPMG?

16 A. I was hired as a direct admit partner.

17 Q. Were you a partner the entire time you were at KPMG from
18 2015 through early 2017?

19 A. Yes, I was.

20 Q. Were you assigned to any particular group?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Which one?

23 A. I was assigned to the KPMG's inspections group within their
24 national office.

25 Q. What is the national office of KPMG, in your understanding?

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1 A. The national office is really the centralized oversight
2 function that exists for the firm to help coordinate and manage
3 each of the various practice offices.

4 Q. And what is the inspections group within the national
5 office?

6 A. The inspections group does both internal inspections within
7 the firm, so self-checking the firm's own audits, and then also
8 coordinating with external regulators like the PCAOB
9 coordinating the PCAOB's inspection process.

10 Q. Are you familiar with someone named David Middendorf?

11 A. Yes, I am.

12 Q. How do you know him?

13 A. I knew David Middendorf from both my time at the PCAOB and
14 while I was at KPMG.

15 Q. Take a look at what's in evidence as Government Exhibit
16 1502. Do you recognize this exhibit?

17 A. Yes, I do.

18 Q. How?

19 A. I recognize that to be a picture of Dave Middendorf.

20 Q. What was his role at KPMG when you first met him?

21 A. Dave was the partner in charge of the national office. He
22 was the overall head of the national office.

23 Q. And is that the role he held through early 2017?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. When you were at KPMG, what was Dave Middendorf's role

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1 relative to yours?

2 A. He was my boss' boss.

3 Q. Generally, what is your understanding of what it means to
4 be the head of the national office?

5 A. It meant that he was ultimately the partner in charge. He
6 was the final decision maker and in charge of all of the
7 national office roles and responsibilities.

8 Q. Who else did you work for at KPMG?

9 A. My boss was Tom Whittle.

10 Q. Approximately when did you meet Tom Whittle?

11 A. I met Tom first while I was at the PCAOB and I think it was
12 sometime in 2012.

13 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification as
14 Government Exhibit 1505. Do you recognize this exhibit?

15 A. Yes, I do.

16 Q. How do you recognize it?

17 A. I recognize that to be a picture of Tom Whittle.

18 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
19 1505.

20 THE COURT: 1505 is received.

21 (Government's Exhibit 1505 received in evidence)

22 BY MS. KRAMER:

23 Q. When you worked for Tom Whittle at KPMG, who did he report
24 to?

25 A. Tom reported directly to Dave Middendorf.

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1 Q. What was Thomas Whittle's role at KPMG when you worked
2 there?

3 A. Tom was the partner in charge of the inspections group.

4 Q. Are you familiar with someone named David Britt?

5 A. Yes, I am.

6 Q. How do you know David Britt?

7 A. I knew David Britt from both my time at the PCAOB and again
8 from my time at KPMG.

9 Q. Let's take a look at what's marked for identification as
10 Government Exhibit 1503. Do you recognize this exhibit?

11 A. Yes, I do.

12 Q. How do you recognize it?

13 A. I recognize this to be a picture of David Britt.

14 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
15 1503.

16 THE COURT: 1503 is received.

17 (Government's Exhibit 1503 received in evidence)

18 BY MS. KRAMER:

19 Q. What was David Britt's role at KPMG during the time when
20 you worked there?

21 A. David Britt was the co-banking leader within the national
22 office.

23 Q. Did you work with him while you were at KPMG?

24 A. Yes, I did.

25 Q. What was his role relative to yours in terms of seniority?

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1 A. David Britt was very senior so he was a very senior partner
2 in the national office, much more senior than me.

3 Q. Are you familiar with someone named Cindy Holder?

4 A. Yes, I am.

5 Q. How did you know Cindy Holder?

6 A. I knew Cindy from both my time at PCAOB and my time at the
7 KPMG.

8 Q. Please take a look at Government Exhibit 1501. Do you
9 recognize this exhibit?

10 A. Yes, I do.

11 Q. How do you recognize it?

12 A. I recognize that to be a picture of Cindy Holder.

13 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
14 1501.

15 THE COURT: 1501 is received.

16 (Government's Exhibit 1501 received in evidence)

17 MS. KRAMER: Excuse me. May I have a moment, your
18 Honor?

19 THE COURT: Sure.

20 MS. KRAMER: Your Honor, I understand that there may
21 be an issue with one or more of the jurors' screens.

22 (pause)

23 MS. KRAMER: May I proceed, your Honor?

24 THE COURT: Yes.

25 BY MS. KRAMER:

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1 Q. When did you meet Cindy Holder, approximately?

2 A. I believe it was back in 2011 while she and I were both at
3 the PCAOB.

4 Q. How did you meet her?

5 A. She worked -- she and I worked together on her first
6 inspection at the PCAOB.

7 Q. When you were at the PCAOB together, was Cindy Holder
8 assigned primarily to a particular accounting firm's inspection
9 team?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Which one?

12 A. She was also assigned to KPMG.

13 Q. And is that the inspection team you were assigned to?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Were you friends with Cindy Holder?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Are you familiar with someone named Jeff Wada?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How do you know Jeff Wada?

20 A. I knew of Jeff Wada from my time at the PCAOB.

21 Q. Did you ever meet Jeff Wada in person while you were at the
22 PCAOB?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Please take a look at what's marked for identification as
25 Government Exhibit 1504. Do you recognize this exhibit?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. How do you recognize it?

3 A. I recognize this to be a picture of Jeff Wada.

4 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
5 1504.

6 THE COURT: 1504 is received.

7 (Government's Exhibit 1504 received in evidence)

8 BY MS. KRAMER:

9 Q. When you were at the PCAOB do you know whether or not Jeff
10 Wada was assigned to the KPMG inspection team?

11 A. Yes, I know. He was not.

12 Q. And when you were at KPMG, do you know whether or not
13 Jeffrey Wada was assigned to the KPMG U.S. inspection team?

14 A. Yes, I know, and he was not assigned to them.

15 Q. How do you know that?

16 A. As part of my role in the inspections group in the national
17 office I was aware who all of the PCAOB inspectors were.

18 Q. Did there come a time that Jeff Wada expressed interest in
19 working at KPMG?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. When did he first express interest in working at KPMG?

22 A. Beginning in 2016.

23 Q. When did your employment with KPMG end?

24 A. In March of 2017.

25 Q. Were you fired or did you re-sign?

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1 A. I resigned.

2 Q. Immediately before you resigned, what was your employment
3 status?

4 A. I had been placed on administrative leave.

5 Q. Did you have an understanding as to why?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What was your understanding?

8 A. The firm was in the process of conducting an internal
9 investigation into the inappropriate use and having obtained
10 confidential PCAOB information.

11 Q. What kind of PCAOB confidential information had people at
12 KPMG received and used?

13 A. Primarily included the names of issuers that the PCAOB was
14 planning to inspect in both 2015, 2016, and 2017.

15 Q. And, just to be clear, when you say issuers the PCAOB was
16 going to inspect, what do you mean by issuers?

17 A. The names of KPMG's audit engagements that were public
18 companies where KPMG performed a financial audit.

19 Q. What role did you play in getting, sharing, and using this
20 confidential PCAOB inspection information?

21 A. I had a very direct role.

22 Q. Have you pled guilty to crimes in connection with the
23 conduct you have just described?

24 A. Yes, I have.

25 Q. What crimes have you pled guilty to?

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1 A. I pled guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and
2 conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government.

3 Q. What part of the U.S. government did you conspire to
4 defraud?

5 A. The Securities and Exchange Commission.

6 Q. Is that also known as the SEC?

7 A. Yes, it is.

8 Q. How did you conspire to defraud the SEC?

9 A. By taking action to manipulate the PCAOB's inspection
10 reports through -- because of the advanced notice that we
11 received or that we got of PCAOB inspections, and because the
12 SEC uses those reports in their oversight responsibilities.

13 Q. During what years did you commit these crimes?

14 A. In 2015, 2016, and 2017.

15 Q. Did you commit these crimes alone or with other people?

16 A. I committed these crimes with other people.

17 Q. Was there a core group of people you committed these crimes
18 with?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Who was in that core group?

21 A. David Middendorf, David Britt, Tom Whittle, Cindy Holder,
22 and Jeff Wada.

23 Q. Please take a look at what's marked for identification as
24 Government Exhibit 1506. Do you recognize this exhibit?

25 A. Yes, I do.

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1 Q. How do you recognize it?

2 A. I recognize this to be the pictures and the names and the
3 positions of all the people that were involved in this with me.

4 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
5 1506.

6 THE COURT: 1506 received.

7 (Government's Exhibit 1506 received in evidence)

8 BY MS. KRAMER:

9 Q. What information is in the boxes in 1506 underneath each
10 photo?

11 A. Underneath each photo is the name of the person and the
12 name of where they worked.

13 Q. Focusing on 2015, did the confidential PCAOB information
14 that you participated in obtaining, sharing, and using at KPMG
15 come from one person or more than one person?

16 A. It came from more than one person.

17 Q. Who did it come from?

18 A. It came from myself, from Cindy Holder, and also from Jeff
19 Wada.

20 Q. What kind of confidential PCAOB information did you
21 personally share in 2015?

22 A. I shared the names of who the PCAOB was going to inspect in
23 2015.

24 Q. Where did you get that information?

25 A. I got that information, took that information with me when

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1 I left the PCAOB.

2 Q. In what form did you take it?

3 A. In both electronic and in hard copy forms.

4 Q. Were they documents?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. At the time that you shared the identity of the PCAOB's
7 inspection targets for KPMG clients in 2015, had the PCAOB
8 notified KPMG of its plan to inspect any of those audits?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Had the PCAOB notified KPMG of its plan to inspect all of
11 those audits?

12 A. No.

13 Q. What was your understanding about whether the ones that the
14 PCAOB had not yet notified KPMG about were still confidential?

15 A. I knew that they were still very much confidential by the
16 PCAOB.

17 Q. How do you know that confidential PCAOB information that
18 was shared with and used by KPMG in 2015 came from Cindy
19 Holder?

20 A. Because she shared that information directly with me.

21 Q. What kind of confidential PCAOB information did Cindy
22 Holder share with you in 2015?

23 A. It included both confidential draft reporting information
24 from the PCAOB and also information about certain inspections
25 that the PCAOB was working on.

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1 Q. Did she just give you information verbally or did she also
2 give you documents? Or both?

3 A. It was both.

4 Q. How do you know that confidential PCAOB information that
5 was shared with and used by KPMG in 2015 came from Jeff Wada?

6 A. Because he gave that information to Cindy Holder and she,
7 in turn, gave it directly to me.

8 Q. What did she tell you about where it came from?

9 A. She told me that she had gotten it directly from Jeff Wada.

10 Q. What kind of confidential PCAOB information did Jeff Wada
11 share in 2015 that went to Holder and then went to you?

12 A. It was confidential inspection information related to the
13 locations of where the PCAOB was planning to perform
14 inspections in the following year, 2016.

15 Q. In 2015, what did you do with the confidential information
16 that you brought with you in the form of electronic and hard
17 copy documents you stole from the PCAOB and that came from
18 Holder and Wada?

19 A. I shared that information directly with Tom Whittle, David
20 Britt, and Dave Middendorf.

21 Q. Do you know whether or not they took any actions based on
22 that confidential information?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did they?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Turning to 2016, did the confidential PCAOB information
2 that was shared with and used by KPMG come from one person or
3 more than one person?

4 A. It primarily came from Jeff Wada.

5 Q. How do you know that it came from Jeff Wada in 2016?

6 A. Because Jeff Wada gave that information to Cindy Holder and
7 she, in turn, gave it directly to me.

8 Q. And what did she say to you about where the information
9 came from?

10 A. She told me the information was coming directly from Jeff
11 Wada.

12 Q. What kind of confidential PCAOB information did Jeff Wada
13 share in 2016?

14 A. He provided, he gave advance notice of the specific names
15 of audit engagements that the PCAOB was planning to inspect in
16 2016.

17 Q. Was it the full list or a partial list of the PCAOB's
18 planned inspections of 2016?

19 A. It was a partial list.

20 Q. At the time you received that confidential list of
21 inspections, do you know if the PCAOB had already notified KPMG
22 of those inspection targets?

23 A. Yes. I know that they had not notified the firm yet.

24 Q. What was your understanding about whether that list of
25 inspection targets for 2016 was confidential to the PCAOB at

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1 the time Jeff Wada shared it?

2 A. I knew that information was very confidential.

3 Q. After Holder got this list of confidential inspection
4 selections from Jeff Wada, what did she do with it?

5 A. She gave the list directly to me.

6 Q. After Holder gave the list to you, what did you do with it?

7 A. I gave the list to Tom Whittle, David Britt, and Dave
8 Middendorf.

9 Q. Do you know if they took any actions based on that
10 confidential information?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Let's turn to 2017. Did the confidential PCAOB information
13 that was shared with and used by KPMG come from one person or
14 more than one person?

15 A. It came from one person.

16 Q. Who did it come from?

17 A. It came from Jeff Wada.

18 Q. How do you know that it came from Jeff Wada?

19 A. Because he gave it to Cindy Holder and Cindy Holder gave it
20 directly to me.

21 Q. What did Cindy Holder tell you about where it came from?

22 A. She told me that it came from Jeff Wada.

23 Q. What kind of confidential PCAOB information did Jeff Wada
24 share in 2017?

25 A. He first gave a preliminary list of what the likely

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1 inspections were going to be and then later provided the
2 complete list of all 50 or so inspections that the PCAOB was
3 planning for later in 2017.

4 Q. In what months did he share this information in 2017?

5 A. In both January and February 2017.

6 Q. As of February 2017, what was the status of the audits on
7 the full inspection list that Wada shared?

8 A. The audits were still live which meant that the audit
9 opinions had not yet been finalized by KPMG.

10 Q. And, as of January 2017, with respect to the audit
11 engagements, the KPMG clients that were on the preliminary
12 list, what was the status of those audits?

13 A. They were also still live and had not yet been finalized.
14 The opinions hadn't yet been issued.

15 Q. What is your understanding about what actions can be taken
16 when an audit has not yet been finalized?

17 A. Before an audit is finalized new procedures, new audit work
18 can be done without any sort of special documentation.

19 Q. Do you know if the PCAOB had already notified KPMG of who
20 it was planning to inspect in 2017 as of February 2017?

21 A. Yeah. I know that they had not yet notified KPMG.

22 Q. What was your understanding about whether the PCAOB's
23 selection of which audits it was going to inspect, as part of
24 its KPMG inspection, were confidential as of February 2017?

25 A. I knew that information was highly confidential by the

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1 PCAOB.

2 Q. After Holder got these lists from Jeff Wada in January and
3 February 2017, what did she do with them?

4 A. She gave that information directly to me.

5 Q. And what did you do with them?

6 A. I, in turn, shared that information directly with Tom
7 Whittle, Dave Middendorf, and David Britt.

8 Q. Do you know whether or not they took any actions based on
9 that confidential information in January and February 2017?

10 A. Yes, they did.

11 Q. At the time you engaged in this conduct throughout 2015,
12 2016, and in the beginning of 2017, did you know that what you
13 were doing was wrong?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Are you now cooperating with the government?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. We will come back to your cooperation later. Let's talk
18 about some fundamentals concerning audits and inspections.

19 You testified about public companies' financial
20 statements being audited. What do you mean by financial
21 statements in this context?

22 A. The financial statements are really the company's results
23 for the year so it's their assets and liabilities and reporting
24 on whether or not they made money or not, profits and loss.

25 Q. What period of time do public companies' financial

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1 statements publicly cover?

2 A. One year. 12 months.

3 Q. Is it always a calendar year?

4 A. Not always, but that's most common.

5 Q. What is the accounting term for the year-long period that
6 is reflected in a company's financial statements?

7 A. The accounting term would be year-end audit or financial
8 statement period.

9 Q. Is it referred to as the company's fiscal year?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And what is a fiscal year-end? What is that date?

12 A. The fiscal year-end would be the last date of the year.

13 So, for a calendar year-end company it would be December 31st.

14 Q. When, in relation to a public company's fiscal year-end,
15 does it typically file its financial statements with the SEC?

16 A. Depending on the size of the company it is 60 to 75 days.

17 Q. And, what does an accounting produce at the end of its
18 audits of a public company's financial statements?

19 A. It produces an audit opinion.

20 Q. What's your understanding about whether or not a public
21 company can file its annual financial statements with the SEC
22 without that audit opinion?

23 A. It is not -- a company cannot file its financial statements
24 without that audit opinion.

25 Q. What is your understanding about whether an audit firm's

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1 opinion can be filed with the SEC, with a public company's
2 financial statements if that auditor is not registered with the
3 PCAOB?

4 A. The accounting firm has to be registered with the PCAOB to
5 be able to do a public account audit.

6 Q. To generate that opinion, how long does an auditor
7 typically work on an audit of a public company's financial
8 statements?

9 A. It depends on the size but it can be as short as maybe two
10 months and as much as an entire year to complete that audit.

11 Q. What is the audit of a public company's financial
12 statements considered to be finished?

13 A. It is considered finished the date that the audit firm
14 signs its opinion.

15 Q. And by that date does the auditor, the accounting firm
16 that's done the audit, have to have all of the paperwork or
17 documentation backing up the audit complete by that date?

18 A. No.

19 Q. How much time do they have?

20 A. Under the PCAOB's rules the audit firm or the audit
21 engagement team has 45 days after the day it signs its opinion
22 to wrap up its work papers.

23 Q. What about audit procedures? Can those be done in the 45
24 days or do those have to be done by the issuance of the audit
25 opinion?

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1 A. No. All audit procedures that are necessary for the firm
2 to be able to sign its opinion have to be done prior to the
3 opinion date.

4 Q. Is there a term for the documentation that reflects the
5 work done in the audit?

6 A. It's referred to as workpapers -- audit workpapers.

7 Q. Can you give some examples of sample audit workpapers?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What are some simple audit workpapers, relative to the
10 subject matter that we are talking about when I say simple.

11 A. It could be as simple as summarizing the results of a
12 meeting that the audit team might have with a company's chief
13 financial officer or chief executive or CFO, or it could be
14 documenting the results of tests that it might do over a cash
15 account or a cash balance.

16 Q. What's an example of a complex workpaper?

17 A. A complex workpaper might be where the firm, in order to
18 test whether the value of something was right, has to conduct
19 its own modeling efforts and develop advanced models in order
20 to test all of the underlying assumptions and the final results
21 of, like a company's investment portfolio. Something like
22 that. Or, derivative portfolio.

23 Q. What kind of memos are included in audit workpapers?

24 A. There would be memos that would summarize an approach so
25 the way the auditor is planing to conduct its procedures and

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1 certainly a lot of conclusion memos that would summarize the
2 result of all of the testing that they performed in a
3 particular audit area.

4 Q. What is the longest memo you have seen in an audit work
5 file, if you can remember?

6 A. Certainly more than 200 pages.

7 Q. When you were at KPMG between 2015 and 2017, how were
8 workpapers maintained?

9 A. KPMG used an electronic workpaper file.

10 Q. Did it have a name that system?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What was it called?

13 A. KPMG referred to that electronic work paper system as its
14 eAudIT file. EAudIT.

15 Q. Like e-Audit?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. What happened to workpapers in the eAudIT system after the
18 45 day documentation period?

19 A. The firm would archive those work papers, which basically
20 meant that they would lock those workpapers down so they could
21 not be modified or changed after that 45-day period had ended.

22 Q. When you were at KPMG did the eAudIT system track changes
23 made to workpapers?

24 A. No. It did not.

25 Q. Did the eAudIT system maintain old and prior versions of

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1 work papers?

2 A. No. Once a set of workpapers got archived, it was only the
3 final set of work papers that would be retained.

4 Q. To the best of your memory, what information about when a
5 workpaper was changed or edited did the eAudIT System maintain
6 when you were at KPMG?

7 A. The eAudIT workpaper would document the date that a
8 workpaper was completed so completed by like a staff person,
9 and then the date that it was reviewed, so the date it was
10 reviewed by a manager or partner.

11 Q. What's your understanding about where that 45-day archive
12 date comes from?

13 A. The 45-day requirement comes right out of one of the
14 PCAOB's auditing standards.

15 Q. Let's talk about the PCAOB.

16 In addition to inspecting a sample of about 50 of
17 KPMG's audits as you testified to earlier what else, if
18 anything, did the PCAOB look at in inspecting KPMG as a firm
19 each year?

20 A. The PCAOB would also look at the firm's overall system of
21 quality control.

22 Q. From your experience, how does the PCAOB look at that?

23 A. It performs other inspection-type procedures, like, at the
24 national office level.

25 Q. Can you give some examples of other types of things the

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1 PCAOB does to inspect a firm's system of quality control?

2 A. Yes.

3 They would inspect things like the firm's training
4 process to ensure that when a new accounting or auditing
5 standard comes out to make sure that the firm is effectively
6 able to train all of the staff across the entire audit
7 practice. It would also do things like test auditor
8 independence to make sure that there is a process and strong
9 control in place to ensure that all of the auditors are
10 independent and work on, and also things to evaluate how
11 partners get compensated to make sure that partners get
12 compensated for things related to audit quality and not just
13 for picking up new business or selling more work.

14 Q. What is auditor independence?

15 A. One of the -- in the auditing world, one of the fundamental
16 foundational requirements is that auditors be completely free
17 of any sort of bias or that they would be completely objective
18 of the companies in which they are doing audit work on, like
19 can't have any sort of financial interest in their audit
20 clients.

21 Q. During your time at the PCAOB, did you play any role in the
22 PCAOB's planning of the inspection process for KPMG?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. What role did you play in that process?

25 A. In my early time at the PCAOB I was on the planning team so

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1 I would help do individual analysis of the firm -- of KPMG's
2 audit clients to recommend whether or not they should be
3 included as an inspection candidate that year. And then, later
4 on as I advanced in my career at the PCAOB, I became more
5 involved in reviewing the results and helping affirm the
6 decisions made by the planning team.

7 Q. Based on your experience I am going to ask you a few
8 questions about the PCAOB's planning process.

9 What's the PCAOB's first step in the process of
10 selecting which of KPMG's audits to look at in a given year?

11 A. The first step is they get a -- they require the firms to
12 provide them with a big data request, or they get a whole bunch
13 of information about who the firm's public company clients are
14 and information about each of those audits.

15 Q. Is it optional for a firm like KPMG to provide that
16 information in response to the PCAOB's request?

17 A. No, it's not optional.

18 Q. What is your understanding of where that requirement comes
19 from?

20 A. My understanding is that requirement comes right out of the
21 Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

22 Q. What kind of information does a firm like KPMG have to
23 provide in response to that data request?

24 A. Information like who their audit clients are; you know, the
25 public company audits, who they are. Who the team members are,

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1 which partners they assign to the engagement and information
2 about audit fees or how many hours they expected to take to
3 complete the audit.

4 Q. In what form does KPMG provide that information to the
5 PCAOB?

6 A. They provide it in Excel so it's electronic form.

7 Q. And what is that Excel spreadsheet called?

8 A. It is referred to the GNF planning profile.

9 Q. What does GNF stand for?

10 A. It's an acronym that PCAOB created that refers to Global
11 Network Firm.

12 Q. Is KPMG a Global Network Firm?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Are the other Big Four accounting firms global network
15 firms?

16 A. Yes, they are.

17 Q. Once the PCAOB gets the GNF planning profile, how does the
18 PCAOB use that document?

19 A. They take the information that the firm provides on this
20 GNF planning profile and they'll add columns into that, they'll
21 add other columns into that Excel spreadsheet and use that in
22 order to determine or make recommendations on whether or not
23 each of those audit clients should be considered for inspection
24 or not.

25 Q. After the PCAOB adds those columns in to the GNF planning

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1 profile, does the PCAOB still call the document a GNF planning
2 profile?

3 A. Yes, they do.

4 Q. What kind of information did the PCAOB add into the columns
5 that they add into what they get from the firm in the GNF
6 planning profile?

7 A. They'll add columns like, to indicate whether or not
8 they're recommending it for inspection or not, other columns
9 about if they are recommending it for inspection, why. What
10 are the overall reasons for why it should be considered for a
11 PCAOB inspection. And then, other information to support their
12 various risk assessments that they're doing, the quantitative,
13 all the various criteria that they use to evaluate.

14 Q. What kind of factors does the PCAOB look at in evaluating
15 whether or not a specific audit should be part of its
16 inspection of KPMG for a given year?

17 A. They consider both quantitative and qualitative factors.

18 Q. Can you give an example of what you mean by a quantitative
19 factor?

20 A. Yes. Quantitative is numbers, just numbers. They'll
21 compare things like how many hours does the firm say it is
22 going to take to complete the audit compared to the size of the
23 company and see if that makes sense. Or, they'll look the
24 total number of partner hours that a partner is planning to
25 spend on the audit compared to the total number of audit hours;

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1 spend a hundred hours or a thousand hours.

2 Q. Can you give an example of what you mean by a qualitative
3 factor that the PCAOB considers?

4 A. Yes.

5 So, qualitative is really just a non-number component
6 to the risk assessment. So a partner, for example, if the
7 audit is being conducted in, say, San Francisco, California,
8 but the partner lives in Florida, then the PCAOB would consider
9 that to be a qualitative risk factor because of the travel time
10 that the partner would have to go back and forth and so it
11 might result in less supervision of that particular audit.

12 Q. How long, approximately, does the PCAOB planning process
13 take?

14 A. The planning process typically takes around four months.

15 Q. And how much of that time is taken up by the work that the
16 PCAOB is doing to try to select which audits to inspect?

17 A. It's almost the entire time, all of it.

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1 Q. From your experience at the PCAOB, approximately how many
2 hours per week do members of the Planning Team work on
3 planning?

4 A. About 40 hours a week.

5 Q. And how many members are there on the Planning Team for a
6 given accounting firm?

7 A. It would vary but 20/25.

8 Q. And when you were at the PCAOB from 2009 through 2015, did
9 Jeff Wada play any part in the inspection planning process for
10 KPMG?

11 A. No, not that I'm aware of.

12 Q. Aside from the Planning Team, were there other people who
13 participated in some way in the planning process for which
14 audits, which KPMG clients should be inspected in a given year?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Where did those people come from within the PCAOB?

17 A. So the PCAOB has, besides the inspectors for the
18 Inspections Group, they have an Office of Research and
19 Analysis, called their ORA Group, that also makes
20 recommendations of who should be inspected by each team, KPMG
21 inspection team, and then even the PCAOB's board themselves
22 make the final approval of the inspections at the end of the
23 planning phase.

24 Q. All right. Was the KPMG inspection team that you were
25 assigned to at the PCAOB broken up into subgroups?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What were those subgroups?

3 A. There was a Planning Team subgroup. They had a Banking
4 Team subgroup. They had a Root Cause Analysis subgroup. There
5 was a Report Writing subgroup and even a subgroup that they
6 referred to as FMM or Firm Management and Monitoring.

7 Q. What did the Root Cause subgroup do?

8 A. The Root Cause subgroup would go through and evaluate the
9 results of the inspections that the PCAOB teams do to evaluate
10 the underlying reasons for why an audit was either really,
11 really good or really, really bad.

12 Q. And are you familiar with something called a Remediation
13 subgroup?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What is that?

16 A. The Remediation subgroup would go through and evaluate
17 whether or not the team had taken sufficient remedial
18 corrective action to fix the problems that the PCAOB had
19 identified.

20 Q. To fix the problems that the PCAOB had identified when?

21 A. In both the comment forms that the PCAOB issued during the
22 inspection season, so to make sure that the firm went back and
23 fixed the underlying issues there, but also as it related to
24 the PCAOB's prior year report, the Part II section of the
25 report.

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1 Q. What did the firm's Measurement and Monitoring subgroup do?

2 A. They were the team that would primarily test the firm's
3 overall system of quality control, so the things like
4 independence and partner conversation that I had mentioned
5 earlier.

6 Q. Was compliance with PCAOB rules in the purview of the Firm
7 Measurement and Monitoring Group?

8 A. Yes, it was.

9 Q. Do you have any sense of how they tested that?

10 A. They would do testing at the firm's national office level
11 to evaluate, you know, how they were -- what processes the firm
12 had put in place, what controls, how the firm was ensuring its
13 own compliance.

14 Q. From your experience at the PCAOB, did a firm's compliance
15 with PCAOB rules matter?

16 A. Oh, yeah, it definitely mattered.

17 Q. What was the Banking subgroup responsible for?

18 A. The Banking subgroup were really comprised of the
19 specialist inspectors that had, you know, financial services
20 experience, and so they were the ones who were responsible for
21 inspecting the banks that the firm had -- the bank audit
22 engagements that the firm had.

23 Q. And it may be obvious but what was the Report Writing Group
24 responsible for?

25 A. The Report Writing Group would take the results of all of

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1 the comment forms that the inspection team had identified
2 during the course of the inspection season and even the result
3 of FMM's Group, given the national office procedures, and then
4 draft and ultimately produce the report that would then get
5 issued each year at the end of the PCAOB's inspection season.

6 Q. All right. I would like you to take a look at what's in
7 evidence as Government Exhibit 102. Do you recognize this
8 document?

9 A. Yes, I do.

10 Q. What is it?

11 A. I recognize this to be the PCAOB's GNF Planning Profile for
12 KPMG from 2015.

13 Q. Do you know where the 2015 GNF Planning Profile that we're
14 looking at came from?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Where did it come from?

17 A. It came from me because this was one of the documents that
18 I took with me when I left the PCAOB, I stole.

19 Q. Where did you first get the 2015 GNF Planning Profile at
20 the PCAOB before you stole it?

21 A. This document was included in the PCAOB's Inspections
22 Information System, their IIS system.

23 Q. What is IIS?

24 A. It's really the PCAOB's documentation repository where they
25 would store all the result of their planning and inspections

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1 work and even the report writing work for each firm for each
2 year.

3 Q. When you were at the PCAOB, how was the IIS organized?

4 A. It was organized by firm, so there was a KPMG section, and
5 then within that by year. So, every year's inspections had its
6 own folder.

7 Q. And did you say every year had its own folder?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did you have to be granted access to get into the KPMG
10 portion of IIS or could anyone get into it?

11 A. No, it was -- access was restricted so you had to be
12 granted access.

13 Q. As the GNF Planning Profile is edited during the PCAOB's
14 planning process, does the IIS system keep track of changes
15 that are made to it?

16 A. No. Generally no.

17 Q. All right. So after you've accessed this 2015 GNF Planning
18 Profile on IIS, what did you do with it?

19 A. I accessed it from the IIS system and then I saved it onto
20 my PCAOB computer.

21 Q. Approximately when did you do that?

22 A. I believe it was in March of 2015.

23 Q. And did you download it to your computer in the first
24 instance to steal it?

25 A. No, not in the first instance.

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1 Q. Why did you save it to your PCAOB computer in March of
2 2015?

3 A. This document was something that I would constantly refer
4 to during the course of my inspections activity at the PCAOB,
5 and so for the ones that I was going to lead the inspection for
6 I wanted to have this information available to go back and make
7 sure that I understood all the reasons for why my particular
8 inspection was -- had been identified, what the risk factors
9 were.

10 Q. When you left the PCAOB, approximately what month and year
11 was that?

12 A. I left the PCAOB in April of 2015.

13 Q. And when you left the PCAOB in April 2015, what did you do
14 with the 2015 GNF Planning Profile, Government Exhibit 102,
15 that you had saved to your PCAOB computer?

16 A. I transferred this document along with other documents and
17 saved them onto an external hard drive as part of me stealing
18 this information.

19 Q. What did you do with this document after you put it on the
20 external hard drive?

21 A. I took that hard drive with me when I started at KPMG and
22 then saved this information onto my KPMG computer.

23 Q. Why did you do that?

24 A. I did it so that I would have this information available to
25 help me in this new role that I was going into as a partner at

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1 KPMG.

2 Q. And did there come time when you were at KPMG that you
3 accessed and used this document?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Did you do that once or more than once?

6 A. More than once.

7 Q. Did you share any of the confidential information from this
8 document with anyone at KPMG?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. With whom did you share confidential information contained
11 on Government Exhibit 102 when you were at KPMG?

12 A. Primarily with Tom Whittle, Dave Middendorf and David
13 Britt.

14 Q. Anyone else?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. With whom?

17 A. With certain other audit partners that had found out that
18 they were going to be inspected during the year, I accessed
19 this information and used it to help assist them in preparation
20 for their inspection.

21 Q. Anyone else?

22 A. I also accessed this information with Cindy Holder.

23 Q. Anyone else?

24 A. Umm, not that I can remember right now.

25 Q. OK. When you did that, did you know that what you were

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1 doing was wrong?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q. Why did you share this information with those people?

4 A. I knew that by sharing this information it would make me
5 look good. It helped advance my career by having this type of
6 information, but it was also something that was expected of me.

7 Q. How do you know that it was expected of you?

8 A. Because I was told that it was expected of me.

9 Q. All right. We'll come back to that.

10 Let's look at the tabs at the bottom of the screen in
11 Government Exhibit 102.

12 Out of all those tabs at the bottom of the screen, was
13 there one that the PCAOB used most in the process of selecting
14 which audits to inspect?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Which one?

17 A. The tab that we are on right now, the Issuer Screening
18 template.

19 Q. OK. So I'm going to ask Mr. Urbanczyk to scroll across
20 slowly.

21 Can you give -- actually, before you scroll, just
22 looking at the home sort of screen, could you give an example
23 of the columns that are added by the PCAOB during its planning
24 process?

25 A. Yes. So the -- from what we're looking at here, each of

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1 these columns that are in green, so that the Business
2 Description, the Selection Recommendation with 1, 2 or 3, the
3 Final Selection and then the Rationale for Selection columns,
4 those are all columns that were added by the PCAOB.

5 Q. All right. And we'll go across in a moment, but what kind
6 of information is in the column entitled "Selection
7 Recommendation, Select = 1, Neutral = 2, Don't Select = 3"?

8 A. That column would represent the individual PCAOB's
9 inspector that was doing the initial planning review for each
10 of these, and so it would be their initial recommendation as to
11 whether or not to select something or not. So 1 would mean
12 that they were recommending that it be picked, and 3 would be
13 that they are recommending that it not be picked that year.

14 Q. And approximately when in the calendar year -- withdrawn.

15 What is in the "Final Selection" column, what is that
16 column for?

17 A. The Final Selection would then represent the final
18 determination or final conclusion by the PCAOB once the
19 planning was finished on what the final list of inspections
20 were then going to be for that season.

21 Q. And roughly when in the calendar year is the Final
22 Selection column populated with about 50 1's, reflecting the
23 PCAOB's final list of which audits are going to be inspected?

24 A. Generally in the February timeframe.

25 Q. And in your experience at the PCAOB, does the number in the

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1 Selection Recommendation column change throughout the planning
2 process?

3 A. Yes, it does.

4 Q. Can you give an example of what may cause it to change, or
5 what caused it to change when you were at the PCAOB?

6 A. So if during the planning cycle, you know, the company
7 announced that it was firing its CEO and CFO, that might be a
8 pretty big risk indicator that there could be a problem with
9 the financial statements, and so it's something that could then
10 trigger the PCAOB saying that they want to inspect it in that
11 following year. So, it might go from a 3 or a 2 to then become
12 a 1.

13 Q. And is there -- as of January, how many audit engagements
14 typically had a 1 in the Selection Recommendation column, so
15 before the process was finalized? Would it be less than 50?
16 More than 50?

17 A. Typically it would be more than 50, so, say, like 75 or 80.

18 Q. Are you familiar with a PCAOB document called the
19 "Attribute Schedule"?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Does that contain all of the selections that have a 1 in
22 the Selection Recommendation column from the GNF Planning
23 Profile?

24 A. Yes, it commonly would.

25 Q. Are the two documents sync'd throughout the inspection

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1 planning process or is there a lag?

2 A. There is a lag in those documents.

3 Q. So do they always match up?

4 A. No.

5 Q. And approximately when does the number in the Selection
6 Recommendation column that's a 1 -- I think you testified that
7 there were more than 50, maybe 57 or 80 -- when does that get
8 narrowed down?

9 A. It would get narrowed down in the final -- final planning
10 review process where it's getting reviewed by the leadership
11 for the inspection team, so typically around February.

12 Q. All right. Let's then scroll to the right, Mr. Urbanczyk.
13 So -- keep going. OK.

14 So, there is a column, "Areas Recommended for
15 Inspection and Rationale, Section 1," and then the same thing
16 Section 2, and then I don't know if we can fit the next column
17 on the screen, Section 3. What are the three columns entitled
18 "Areas Recommended for Inspection and Rationale" in general
19 terms?

20 A. So those would represent the specific financial statement
21 areas that the PCAOB wants to inspect. So once it has decided
22 that it wants to inspect the issuer, then these are the three
23 underlying financial areas that they would focus in on.

24 Q. Is there a term that the PCAOB uses for those three areas?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. What is it?

2 A. They are referred to as the focus areas, primary focus
3 areas.

4 Q. OK. And are there typically three?

5 A. Yes, typically three focus areas for each inspection, yeah.

6 Q. So let's look at one in the first Focus Area column, which
7 is J on our screens.

8 So, for example, looking at I think this American
9 Airlines?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. So looking at the first Focus Area for American Airlines,
12 what is in the first line that says "Revenue" and then, in
13 parentheses, "O" comma and "V/A," close parentheses?

14 A. So that would be the name of the specific focus area that
15 is being recommended. So, revenue would be one of the areas
16 for specific inspection by the PCAOB.

17 Q. What does O and V/A mean?

18 A. Those are the financial statement assertions, which is just
19 the specific areas then within revenue, in an auditing world,
20 that they would focus in on.

21 Q. OK. So below that line "Revenue," can you generally
22 explain what the text is in the next --

23 A. So --

24 Q. -- 15 or so lines of that cell?

25 A. Yes. This would be the specific rationale or the reasons

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1 for why the, you know, Planning Group at the PCAOB is
2 recommending the revenue be inspected, so all of the risk
3 criteria, the evaluation, the information that they think makes
4 this a good focus area for the PCAOB's inspection.

5 Q. OK. When the time comes for the PCAOB to formally notify
6 KPMG of an inspection of, in this example, American Airlines,
7 do you know what information the PCAOB provides in the first
8 notification?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What information does the PCAOB provide?

11 A. First they would only provide the name, so announcing that
12 they are going to inspect the audit work for American Airlines
13 and then the week that they plan to start that -- that
14 inspection.

15 Q. Between the formal notification, where the PCAOB gives the
16 name of the audit to be inspected in a week, and the start of
17 the actual field work portion of the inspection, does the PCAOB
18 provide KPMG with additional information about the inspection?

19 A. Yes, it does.

20 Q. What information is provided in that window?

21 A. It then provides the specific -- the three primary focus
22 area names, so at that point that's when they say revenue is
23 going to be one of our focus areas, and then they would also
24 provide the names of the inspectors who were going to be on
25 that given inspection.

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1 Q. OK. So looking, for example, at the first focus area on
2 here for American Airlines, "Revenue," what information from
3 this cell is shared by the PCAOB with KPMG?

4 A. It would only be that first line, the Revenue and plus
5 what's in parentheses.

6 Q. Does the PCAOB, in your experience at the PCAOB and the
7 KPMG, ever share the "Rationale" portion of this Focus Area
8 column?

9 A. No, they do not.

10 Q. And going back to a few columns over, Mr. Urbanczyk, to the
11 beginning.

12 So, what is in the "Rationale for Selection" column?

13 A. This would reflect the overall summary reasons for why they
14 are recommending a particular issuer be -- engagement be
15 selected for inspection or not, so all of the specific reasons.

16 Q. Does the PCAOB ever share with KPMG, from your experience
17 from 2009 through 2017, the contents of the column entitled
18 "Rationale for Selection"?

19 A. No, they do not.

20 Q. Does the PCAOB ever share its GNF Planning Profile with all
21 the columns added with KPMG?

22 A. No, they do not.

23 Q. To what extent is the GNF Planning Profile, once it's had
24 material added to it by the PCAOB, to what extent is that
25 document treated as confidential at the PCAOB?

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1 A. It would be treated as very confidential.

2 Q. All right. Let's just scroll across, Mr. Urbanczyk, and
3 look at some other columns that are added by the PCAOB.

4 OK. So stop for one moment.

5 Do you see the columns entitled "3-Star Referral" and
6 "2-Star Referral"?

7 A. Yes, I do.

8 Q. What do those refer to?

9 A. Those would be the recommendations that would be made by
10 that PCAOB Office of Research and Analysis, or the "ORA" Group
11 that I mentioned earlier, that is also involved in planning.
12 So if they are referring or recommending something for
13 inspection, it would get tracked here.

14 Q. Does the PCAOB ever share with firms like KPMG whether
15 something was a 3-Star or 2-Star referral?

16 A. No, they don't.

17 Q. Does the PCAOB ever share with firms like KPMG whether
18 something was recommended by ORA?

19 A. No, they don't.

20 Q. And what's in the "Top 30 Issuer" column?

21 A. It's a "yes" or "no" answer. The PCAOB would identify
22 which of the firms' audit engagements it believed were the Top
23 30, or the biggest clients, and it was a separate risk factor
24 that they would evaluate in making their recommendations.

25 Q. And let's scroll across for a moment. So -- I'm sorry, go

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1 back just a couple of columns, Mr. Urbanczyk. Thanks.

2 So "Staff Practice Alerts," what do those columns
3 contain?

4 A. Those are making reference to specific auditing guidance
5 that the PCAOB has issued that it believes is relevant for a
6 particular audit engagement. And so, again, the yes or no
7 would be indications of whether or not they think that is
8 relevant and, you know, one of the considerations for what
9 would make a good inspection selection or not.

10 Q. Is that ever shared with a firm?

11 A. No, it is not.

12 Q. Let's scroll across to the -- yes.

13 So the columns "Number of Location Leaders, Number of
14 FSA Inspectors, Number of ISA Inspectors, Total Estimated Field
15 Work Weeks," what are the numbers in these columns?

16 A. Those are really more staffing considerations that the
17 PCAOB would evaluate in terms of figuring out how many
18 inspectors it would take to conduct a particular inspection and
19 how many weeks that that inspection will take.

20 Q. OK. And then what about "Scheduling Considerations," what
21 is in that column?

22 A. Those, again, would be more staffing and
23 scheduling-related, so specific specialist needs that might be
24 necessary in order for the PCAOB to be able to complete one of
25 its inspections.

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1 Q. And all of this staffing information, is that something
2 that the PCAOB shares with accounting firms?

3 A. No.

4 Q. All right. After the PCAOB goes through its lengthy
5 inspection planning process, does the PCAOB notify -- sorry.
6 Approximately when is notice given to each accounting firm
7 about each inspection target, about each audit that is going to
8 be inspected?

9 A. Each of the inspection targets are only named by the PCAOB
10 two or three weeks before the PCAOB plans to start its field
11 work, so they only get two or three weeks' notice.

12 Q. In your experience at the PCAOB, is it ever the case that
13 the PCAOB notifies an accounting firm like KPMG of an
14 inspection before the end of the 45-day period?

15 A. It's very rare for that to happen.

16 Q. When that happens, what steps, if any, does the PCAOB take
17 as a result of giving notice to the firm before the end of the
18 45-day period?

19 A. If they have to notify before the 45-day period is done,
20 then the PCAOB requires the firm to keep a log of all of the
21 changes that get made to a particular eAudIT file or set of
22 workpapers before those workpapers are archived or completed.

23 Q. Even changes to word choice?

24 A. Yes. All changes would have to then be tracked.

25 Q. What is your understanding about why the PCAOB requires

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1 that?

2 A. They would require it because they want to understand what
3 types of changes are being made but also how many changes are
4 being made.

5 Q. What's your understanding of why that matters during an
6 inspection?

7 A. The PCAOB would want to understand if there are a
8 significant number of changes, say hundreds and hundreds of
9 changes being made only after the PCAOB has made notification
10 or at the very end of the documentation completion period, it's
11 a risk factor or a risk consideration on really whether or not
12 the audit team itself was a good team or a high-quality team.

13 Q. To what extent did the nature of changes to workpapers like
14 that matter to you as a PCAOB inspector?

15 A. It mattered a lot.

16 Q. When you were at the PCAOB, did you receive training on
17 PCAOB rules?

18 A. Yes, I did.

19 Q. How frequently?

20 A. At least every year.

21 Q. Did you certify your compliance with those rules?

22 A. Yes, I did.

23 Q. In writing?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Are you familiar with the PCAOB ethics code?

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1 A. Yes, I am.

2 Q. And what's your understanding about whether the PCAOB
3 ethics code allows or doesn't allow employees to share
4 confidential PCAOB information?

5 A. The ethics code makes it clear that PCAOB employees are not
6 allowed to share any confidential information both while
7 they're employed but even after they leave the PCAOB.

8 Q. And what's your understanding about whether the ethics code
9 is part of PCAOB rules?

10 A. Yes, the ethics code is part of the PCAOB's rules, yes.

11 Q. Does the ethics code apply to all PCAOB employees?

12 A. Yes, it does.

13 Q. And what's your understanding -- what was your
14 understanding between 2015 and 2017 about whether the PCAOB's
15 lists of inspection selections were confidential?

16 A. It was very confidential.

17 Q. And the content of the GNF Planning Profile, what's your
18 understanding about whether that was confidential even after
19 the names of inspection targets had been shared with KPMG?

20 A. Yes, very confidential.

21 Q. Did you violate PCAOB rules, including the ethics code, for
22 your conduct in connection with this case?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. In what years did you do that?

25 A. In 2015, 2016 and 2017.

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1 Q. So in connection with the rationale that was on the GNF
2 Planning Profile that we were looking at, do you have an
3 understanding of why it matters to the PCAOB if a firm knows
4 the PCAOB's rationale for selecting a particular audit?

5 A. Yes, it matters.

6 Q. Why does it matter that the PCAOB -- if a firm knows its
7 rationale for selection?

8 A. It, again, partly because it's confidential information,
9 knowing that information might allow the firm to be able to
10 figure out how the firm -- or how the PCAOB is making its
11 inspection choices. But also for an engagement team to be
12 aware of the specific rational, it might allow them to better
13 answer questions or better prepare for a PCAOB inspection.

14 Q. And how does that matter to the PCAOB? Why does that
15 matter to the PCAOB if a firm can better prepare for an audit
16 because it knows the PCAOB's rationale for selection?

17 A. Because part of the inspection process is for the
18 engagement team to ask questions and understand why an
19 engagement team chose to do the audit work that it did, and so
20 knowing that information might allow the engagement team to
21 answer questions differently or give different results than it
22 otherwise would have.

23 Q. Do you have an understanding about where the PCAOB's
24 inspection reports go after they are issued?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Where do they go?

2 A. They go directly to the Securities and Exchange Commission,
3 or "SEC," but they are also made publicly available on the
4 PCAOB's website for any and all users.

5 Q. How do you know that inspection reports go to the SEC?

6 A. I know that from my time at the PCAOB and even my time at
7 KPMG.

8 Q. All right. Let's talk about the inspection process.

9 What are the different phases of the inspection
10 process?

11 A. Very simply, it would be the planning phase, then the
12 inspection phase, and then the report writing phase.

13 Q. What happens in the inspection phase?

14 A. Once the firm has been given notice by the PCAOB, after
15 planning is complete and the name of the audit engagement has
16 been chosen, it gets notified to KPMG and then the -- KPMG's
17 national office will assign an inspector, and that inspector
18 will then coordinate with the location leader from the PCAOB to
19 help plan and prepare and facilitate that inspection.

20 Q. Does the PCAOB inspection team get access to the eAudit
21 files?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And what happens when the inspection team arrives for the
24 audit -- I mean for the inspection -- withdrawn. Let me ask
25 that again.

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1 What happens when the inspection team arrives for the
2 inspection?

3 A. For the inspection, the first thing that typically occurs
4 is that the engagement team from the firm, KPMG, will have an
5 opening meeting with the PCAOB inspectors to kick off the
6 inspection and provide an overview of the company it audited
7 and its financial statements and all of the focus areas that
8 the PCAOB has communicates.

9 Q. OK. Where do the inspections typically take place?

10 A. They take place in the firm's practice offices, so the
11 office where the audit was originally conducted.

12 Q. OK. To be clear, when you say the firm's practice offices,
13 for KPMG, that's KPMG's practice offices?

14 A. Yes. So, KPMG's individual offices. So if it was an audit
15 done out of Denver, it would be out of KPMG's Denver office.

16 Q. Do you have any idea how many offices KPMG has across the
17 United States?

18 A. Generally, yes.

19 Q. Approximately how many?

20 A. I would estimate probably 50 or so, 50 to a hundred.

21 Q. OK. And how long does an inspection team typically spend
22 on the field work portion of an inspection when they're at a
23 KPMG office?

24 A. The inspection could be as short as one week of field work,
25 but it could go up to eight weeks long depending on how big the

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1 audit was, so depending on the size of the audit.

2 Q. What kinds of public company audits require more than one
3 or two weeks of field work by the PCAOB inspection team?

4 A. The Top 30 that we reviewed earlier on that GNF, those are
5 the best examples. So the biggest companies, public companies
6 in the world, those are the ones that typically require a lot
7 more than one inspection week.

8 Q. OK. Now, you testified that formal notice is typically
9 given two to three weeks before an audit. Separate from that,
10 formal notice of a particular inspection, does the PCAOB give
11 advance notice of what cities it is going to be in for
12 inspections?

13 A. Yes, it does.

14 Q. Why does the PCAOB do that?

15 A. The PCAOB does that for scheduling purposes so that the
16 firm can be aware of which cities the PCAOB is planning to be
17 in and on what week so that they can reserve conference rooms
18 and office space in order to facilitate that PCAOB inspection.

19 Q. To your knowledge, did giving that scheduling notification
20 ever result in KPMG figuring out which of its audit clients,
21 which of its engagements, were going to be inspected?

22 A. Yes, it was possible from that scheduling notice.

23 Q. And to your knowledge, was there any effort by the PCAOB to
24 avoid giving scheduling information if it would result in the
25 accounting firm figuring out which audit was going to be

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1 selected?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Was there one point person who typically gave notice of an
4 inspection from the PCAOB to KPMG?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And do you know how that notice was typically given?

7 A. It was through email initially.

8 Q. All right. And between the time of that official notice
9 and the PCAOB's arrival for the on-site inspection work, you
10 testified about what some of the information is that's provided
11 by the PCAOB. What else happens in that window?

12 A. In that window the engagement team has to prepare some
13 advance information for the PCAOB that they provide. They
14 provide the access to the electronic eAudIT workpapers. They
15 reserve the conference room space. And then the engagement
16 team will also prepare the opening meeting presentation that it
17 gives to the PCAOB the first day.

18 Q. What is the opening meeting presentation?

19 A. It is a PowerPoint presentation typically that the
20 engagement partner would lead that gives an overview of the
21 company itself but then also all of the summary of all of the
22 risk decisions that it made and how it planned the audit and
23 who was involved in the audit and then a summary of the work
24 that it performed in each of the focus areas that the PCAOB is
25 going to inspect.

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1 Q. Are there typically visual aids that accompany this opening
2 meeting presentation?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What kind of visual aids?

5 A. A big PowerPoint presentation is usually handed out to each
6 of the inspectors.

7 Q. For the opening meeting presentation, did KPMG have a
8 template that the engagement teams, the teams that worked on an
9 audit, were to use during the opening meeting presentation?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. I would like you to take a look at what's marked for
12 identification as Government Exhibit 1306. Do you recognize
13 this document?

14 A. Yes, I do.

15 Q. How do you recognize it?

16 A. I recognize this from my time at KPMG.

17 Q. And was this a template that KPMG used?

18 A. Yes. This is the opening meeting presentation template
19 that was given to each of the engagement teams once they were
20 notified that their audit engagement would be inspected by the
21 PCAOB.

22 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
23 1306.

24 THE COURT: Government's 1306 is received.

25 (Government's Exhibit 1306 received in evidence)

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1 BY MS. KRAMER:

2 Q. All right. Did you actually use this document when you
3 were at KPMG?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. How did you use it?

6 A. I also -- while I was at KPMG, I served as a inspection
7 liaison, which meant that I worked closely with audit
8 engagement teams as they prepared for and were inspected by the
9 PCAOB, and so I used this template in helping some of those
10 engagement teams prepare for their opening meeting
11 presentation.

12 Q. All right. And in general terms -- could we put up two
13 pages side-by-side, Mr. Urbanczyk? Thank you.

14 Could you go to the next page. Thank you.

15 So, generally, what's on the top half of the page
16 throughout this document?

17 A. The top half of this page is the, you know, PowerPoint
18 slide itself that would, you know, get tailored or edited and
19 then presented to the PCAOB.

20 Q. And what's on the bottom half of the pages throughout this
21 exhibit?

22 A. The bottom half are the instructions or the guidance that
23 was given to -- it kept internally within the KPMG -- the KPMG
24 engagement team so that they could understand what it is that
25 they needed to do to prepare this presentation.

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1 Q. What group at KPMG prepared this document?

2 A. The Audit Engagement Team would take lead in preparing this
3 document.

4 Q. And who, to your knowledge, prepared this template with all
5 of the instructions that are in it?

6 A. The template was prepared by the Inspections Group in
7 KPMG's national office.

8 Q. How long typically was the opening meeting presentation?

9 A. It could be as short as two or three hours but as long as
10 really all day if we are at a very large company.

11 Q. All right. Let's look at page 3. I think it might be
12 easier to read if we make it just one page again. Thank you.

13 And what does the last sentence say in the bottom half
14 of that page?

15 A. "The PCAOB will use the results of the Opening Meeting to
16 form a preliminary conclusion on audit performance and it may
17 influence the nature and extent of their inspection
18 procedures."

19 Q. Do you agree with that sentence?

20 A. I very much agree with that sentence.

21 Q. In your experience as a PCAOB inspector, is that true?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Is the opening meeting the only meeting that takes place
24 during the field work phase of an inspection?

25 A. No.

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1 Q. What other meetings are there?

2 A. After the opening meeting, there would be individual
3 meetings between the PCAOB inspectors and the Audit Engagement
4 Team to go through each of the primary focus areas.

5 Q. What typically happens in the Focus Area meetings during an
6 inspection?

7 A. The PCAOB would ask a lot of questions and conduct
8 interviews in order to understand -- better understand the
9 audit work that the engagement team did.

10 Q. Do you have an understanding from your experience at the
11 PCAOB and at KPMG of whether the engagement team's performance
12 in the opening meeting and the Focus Area meetings can affect
13 whether or not comment is issued?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What is your understanding of that?

16 A. That those meetings had a significant impact on the overall
17 inspection results.

18 Q. And can they have an effect on whether a comment is issued,
19 in your experience?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Why?

22 A. The PCAOB wants to understand not just the words that are
23 written in the audit workpapers but the context behind it and
24 other information that the team considered in deciding what
25 work to do and how much work to do, and so it places a lot of

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1 emphasis and weight on those interviews during the field work
2 phase in order to influence whether or not there really was a
3 problem in the audit or not.

4 Q. And in preparing this slide deck for the opening meeting
5 presentation, how much time, in your experience, does it take
6 to just prepare the PowerPoint?

7 A. It took quite a bit of time for the engagement team to
8 prepare this.

9 Q. How much time does it take to review the workpapers to
10 prepare this?

11 A. Quite a bit of time.

12 Q. And then how much time does it take to enter the
13 information once the team has reviewed the paperwork?

14 A. Yes, quite a bit of time.

15 Q. OK. Let's talk about the wrap-up phase.

16 How does the PCAOB inspection team decide whether or
17 not to issue a comment form, generally?

18 A. The PCAOB goes through an internal review process. So,
19 starting first with the inspection team themselves to decide what
20 issues might rise to the level of a comment form. And then it
21 goes -- the PCAOB then goes -- the inspection team then
22 discusses those issues with KPMG -- excuse me, with PCAOB
23 leadership to then determine whether or not there is -- the
24 issue is so significant that it requires to be issued as a
25 comment form to the firm.

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1 Q. Approximately when is a comment form provided to the
2 accounting firm, likes KPMG, from the PCAOB?

3 A. Typically one or two weeks after the inspection field work
4 phase is completed.

5 Q. Is the comment form publicly issued?

6 A. No, it's not.

7 Q. Are firms given a chance to respond to comment forms?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And what does it mean for a firm to get a comment form on
10 an inspection?

11 A. Generally, a comment form means that the firm, or the
12 engagement team, failed to do enough audit work and so its
13 audit opinion was unsupported and so it means that it
14 potentially is a failed audit.

15 Q. And does that mean that there was a problem with the
16 financial statements of the public company?

17 A. No, not the financial statements, just the audit work that
18 the accounting firm was required to do in order to issue its
19 opinion on those financial statements.

20 Q. Does that mean that there was -- that the audit opinion was
21 unfounded and had to be withdrawn?

22 A. No, not necessarily, just that there was -- there were not
23 enough procedures performed in order to make that audit
24 opinion.

25 Q. Do all of the comment forms that the PCAOB inspection team

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1 sends to an accounting firm after an inspection end up as
2 comments in Part I of the PCAOB's inspection report at the end
3 of the year?

4 A. No.

5 Q. What happens between the time that a comment form is
6 provided and Part I of the inspection report is finalized?

7 A. The PCAOB goes through even a further review process to
8 evaluate each of those comment forms and any response that the
9 firm provided on those comment forms to further evaluate
10 whether or not those comment forms, the written comment forms,
11 represent a failure in the audit itself. So, it is just an
12 extra layer of review.

13 Q. Generally, what goes into Part I of a PCAOB inspection
14 report?

15 A. Part I of the report is a summary of all of the written
16 comment forms for each of the audit clients or engagements that
17 the PCAOB inspected where the PCAOB has determined that the
18 audit work was insufficient, so it was a failed audit.

19 Q. So how many comments does it take during an inspection of a
20 given audit for that audit inspection to be considered failed?

21 A. Any one comment could result in that conclusion.

22 Q. What, generally, goes into Part II of the PCAOB's
23 inspection report?

24 A. Part II of the report are the themes that the PCAOB would
25 identify related to failures or problems in the firm's overall

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1 system of quality control.

2 Q. What's your understanding about when Part II is publicly
3 issued?

4 A. Part II is not publicly issued until twelve months after
5 the report is issued if the firm is unable to prove to the
6 PCAOB that it has taken enough remediation or remedial action,
7 corrective action, to fix those Part II issues.

8 Q. And when you were at KPMG, who worked on taking remedial
9 action to fix Part II comments?

10 A. It was the Remediation Team -- I'm sorry. Would you ask
11 the question again, please?

12 Q. When you were at KPMG, who worked on trying to remediate
13 Part II comments to fix them so that they wouldn't end up in
14 the public version of Part II?

15 A. At KPMG it was also done within the Inspections Group in
16 the national office.

17 Q. Did you have an understanding when you were at KPMG as to
18 whether the SEC had been critical of KPMG's inspection results?

19 MS. LESTER: Objection.

20 THE COURT: Overruled.

21 A. I'm sorry. Would you ask the question again?

22 Q. When you were at KPMG, did you have an understanding of
23 whether or not the SEC had been critical of KPMG's inspection
24 results?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. How did you get that understanding?

2 A. I formed that understanding through my role as a partner
3 and in the Inspections Group and through meetings that I
4 attended and in conversations that I had.

5 Q. Did you ever have any such conversations with David
6 Middendorf?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What did Dave Middendorf say on the subject?

9 A. He had shared some of his experiences in communicating with
10 the SEC, that in fact the SEC had been very critical of the
11 worsening results from the PCAOB on KPMG's audit inspections.

12 Q. Do you have any understanding of why you were told about
13 the SEC's criticisms of KPMG's inspection results?

14 MS. LESTER: Objection.

15 THE COURT: Sustained.

16 BY MS. KRAMER:

17 Q. When you engaged in the conduct that led to your guilty
18 plea and conviction in this case, in terms of KPMG's inspection
19 results, what was your goal?

20 A. My goal was to help KPMG improve its inspection results, so
21 to fare better and have been less deficiencies in its PCAOB
22 reports.

23 Q. And who did you understand would get those reports?

24 A. I knew that the SEC would get those reports and that those
25 reports would be made publicly available for audit committees

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1 and others to use.

2 MS. KRAMER: Your Honor, this may be a good time for
3 the morning break.

4 THE COURT: OK. Folks, let's take a ten-minute break.
5 Please leave your notepads on your chairs and we'll continue in
6 ten minutes.

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1 THE COURT: Bring in the jury.

2 (Jury present)

3 THE COURT: Ms. Kramer, you may proceed.

4 MS. KRAMER: Thank you, your Honor.

5 BY MS. KRAMER:

6 Q. Mr. Sweet, in 2015, how had KPMG been doing on its PCAOB
7 inspections?

8 A. They had been progressively worse than the previous years.

9 Q. Could you remind us what your role was at PCAOB in early
10 2015?

11 A. I was an associate director in the inspections group
12 assigned to KPMG and so I led inspections of KPMG audits, and I
13 also worked on the report writing phase.

14 Q. Did there come a time that KPMG reached out to you about an
15 employment opportunity?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Approximately when was that?

18 A. The first -- they first reached out in the summer of 2014.

19 Q. Who contacted you?

20 A. A third-party headhunter/recruiter contacted me.

21 Q. What was your response?

22 A. I initially told them no, that I was not interested in
23 leaving the PCAOB.

24 Q. Were you contacted once or more than once?

25 A. More than once.

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1 Q. Did you eventually express interest?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Were you interviewed at KPMG?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Approximately when did you interview with KPMG?

6 A. In March or so, of 2015.

7 Q. Did you disclose to the PCAOB ethics office that you were
8 interviewing with KPMG?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. When, in relation to the interview, did you do that?

11 A. I did that prior to my interviews.

12 Q. Do you remember approximately how many people from KPMG
13 interviewed you?

14 A. Seven or eight or so.

15 Q. Do you remember any of their names?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Who do you remember?

18 A. I interviewed with Tom Whittle, David Britt, Dave
19 Middendorf, Jim Liddy, Scott Marcello, John V. Meyer, and Phil
20 Schimmel.

21 Q. The people that you mentioned, other than Dave Middendorf,
22 Tom Whittle and David Britt, in general terms, what kinds of
23 roles did they have at KPMG?

24 A. They were all partners and in very senior leadership
25 positions within the firm's national office.

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1 Q. What was the outcome of your interviews at KPMG?

2 A. I was offered a position as a direct admit partner into the
3 firm.

4 Q. What does it mean to be a direct admit partner?

5 A. It means that I would join the firm's partnership directly
6 without going outside the normal admittance cycle.

7 Q. Were you offered a partner role in any particular group at
8 KPMG?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Which one?

11 A. I was offered a partnership within the national office, and
12 specifically in the inspections group.

13 Q. What was your understanding of the objectives of the
14 inspections group?

15 A. The inspection group was there to facilitate all of the
16 PCAOB's inspection activities.

17 Q. Did you discuss your job offer with Cindy Holder?

18 A. Yes, I did.

19 Q. What did you tell her?

20 A. I told her that I had been offered this partnership
21 position. I remember explaining to her what it was and that I
22 had ultimately decided to take that position and would be
23 leaving the PCAOB.

24 Q. How did she respond?

25 A. She was very happy for me but also told me that if the

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1 firm, KPMG were hiring other people, that she also wanted to
2 leave the PCAOB and would love to join KPMG.

3 Q. How much did your compensation change when you left the
4 PCAOB and started at KPMG as a partner in the national office?

5 A. My compensation more than doubled.

6 Q. From approximately what to what per year?

7 A. From around \$240,000 to \$525,000.

8 Q. Do you recall approximately when your last day was at the
9 PCAOB?

10 A. It was towards the end of April 2015.

11 Q. Before you left the PCAOB, what was your understanding
12 about whether you were permitted to take with you confidential
13 PCAOB documents?

14 A. I knew that under the ethics code that I was not permitted
15 to take anything confidential, and that what I knew was
16 confidential had to be kept confidential.

17 Q. Did you take any PCAOB documents with you when you left?

18 A. Yes, I did.

19 Q. Electronic or paper, or both?

20 A. Both.

21 Q. What paper documents did you take, to the best of your
22 memory?

23 A. I took notes that I had in a notebook and also hard copy
24 documents that included the PCAOB's inspection schedules for --
25 or the inspection list for 2015.

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1 Q. What happened to the notebook that you took with you when
2 you left the PCAOB in April of 2015?

3 A. I disposed of it just in the normal course of cleaning up
4 my files.

5 Q. What was your typical practice for throwing away notes or
6 notebooks?

7 A. At the end of an inspection season or beginning of a new
8 audit year I would clean out the old and start new.

9 Q. What electronic documents did you take from the PCAOB?

10 A. I copied the contents of the computer I was using, the
11 information I had on the hard drive onto an external hard drive
12 document so I just copied it over.

13 Q. Did that include the GNF planning profile you testified
14 about earlier that is in evidence as Government Exhibit 102?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did it include other confidential PCAOB documents that were
17 in electronic form?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What kinds of electronic documents did you take when you
20 copied your PCAOB desktop to the hard drive?

21 A. Copies of past comment forms that I had written, copies of
22 other inspection-related information that I produced while I
23 was at PCAOB, and draft report writing information that I had
24 worked on.

25 Q. Did you download anything to your desktop before copying it

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1 from the IIS system just for the purpose of stealing it and
2 taking it with you?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What did you download for the purpose of taking it with
5 you?

6 A. I remember downloading other planning-type information that
7 existed including some of the information that the ORA group
8 had produced, and other type of general just PCAOB inspection
9 procedural information, inspection guides, and things like
10 that.

11 Q. What was your understanding about whether the ethics code
12 permitted you to take all of that material?

13 A. I knew that the ethics code did not permit me to take that
14 material and that I was violating the ethics code and that it
15 was stealing confidential information.

16 Q. How did you take those materials when you left PCAOB after
17 downloading them onto the hard drive?

18 A. I took the hard drive with me and put it in my computer bag
19 on my last day.

20 Q. And what about the hard copy documents that you had taken?

21 A. I did the same, same thing.

22 Q. And where did you take them to?

23 A. I took them with me to KPMG on my first day.

24 Q. Which office of KPMG did you work out of?

25 A. I worked out of KPMG's 345 Park Avenue office, here in

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1 Manhattan.

2 Q. Were you living in California at the time?

3 A. Yes, I was.

4 Q. What arrangement did you have that allowed you to live in
5 California and work in Manhattan?

6 A. KPMG, as part of my offer to join, put me on a commuting
7 package which basically meant that they would pay for all of my
8 travel costs as I went back and forth between my home in
9 California and the firm's New York office.

10 Q. Typically, how often were you in the New York office when
11 you worked for KPMG?

12 A. Generally two or three weeks out of every month.

13 Q. Did you also travel to the locations of inspections that
14 the PCAOB was conducting on KPMG audits when you worked for
15 KPMG?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. And when you were not traveling to an inspection location
18 or working out of the New York office of KPMG, where did you
19 work?

20 A. I would work out of my home office in California.

21 Q. Let's turn to your first day at KPMG. Did there come a
22 time that you were invited to lunch that day?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Who set that up?

25 A. Tom Whittle, my boss.

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1 Q. What was his role?

2 A. He was my boss but also partner in charge of the
3 inspections group within KPMG's national office.

4 Q. Who did he report to?

5 A. He reported to Dave Middendorf.

6 Q. I want to show you what's marked for identification as
7 Government Exhibit 1361. Do you recognize this exhibit?

8 A. Yes, I do.

9 Q. Very generally, what is it?

10 A. This is a general org chart, organizational chart depicting
11 the hierarchy within the firm's national office.

12 Q. Does this organizational chart reflect everyone in the
13 national office or just some people?

14 A. No, not everyone, just some people.

15 Q. And, did you prepare this document?

16 A. No, I did not.

17 Q. To your knowledge, is Government Exhibit 1361 an accurate
18 summary of the relative roles of some of the individuals in the
19 national office when you were there from 2015 to 2017?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Will it aid you in testifying today?

22 A. Yes.

23 MS. KRAMER: Your Honor, the government offers
24 Government Exhibit 1361.

25 THE COURT: 1361 is received.

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(Government's Exhibit 1361 received in evidence)

BY MS. KRAMER:

Q. What are the three main parts of KPMG's business?

A. The firm has three main practices; tax, advisory, and then their audit practice.

Q. Which part did you work in?

A. Within the audit practice.

Q. And when you started at KPMG in May of 2015, who was the head of the audit practice?

A. It was Jim Liddy.

Q. And did there come a time that that changed?

A. Yes.

Q. To who?

A. To Scott Marcello.

Q. Approximately when did that change take place?

A. On or around July of 2015.

Q. And when you were at KPMG, who was the head of the national office?

A. David Middendorf was the head of the national office.

Q. And who are two of the people who reported to David Middendorf as reflected on this chart?

A. Tom Whittle, who was the partner in charge of inspections group, then and also George Hermann who was the partner in charge of audit methodology and consultation practice.

Q. And what was David Britt's role?

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1 A. David Britt was co-banking leader for audits.

2 Q. Who did he share that role with?

3 A. With Tom Canfarotta.

4 Q. Who is not on this chart, right?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. Looking to the right, who was Mike Flynn?

7 A. Mike Flynn was also a banking partner within the
8 inspections group reporting up to Thomas Whittle.

9 Q. And, what role did Cindy Holder have when you were at KPMG?

10 A. Cindy Holder was an executive director in the inspections
11 group focused on internal inspections.

12 Q. What does that mean?

13 A. Within the inspections group there are two parts, both the
14 internal that I was part of that helped focus and coordinate
15 PCAOB inspections but the firm did its own internal inspections
16 and had its own program so it could go in on its own, did a
17 self-review of audits to figure out if they were, again, good
18 audits or not.

19 Q. And who did Cindy Holder report to?

20 A. She reported to Mike Flynn.

21 Q. Who reported to?

22 A. Tom Whittle. Mike Flynn reported to Tom Whittle.

23 Q. Did Tom Whittle supervise other people not on this exhibit?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Do you remember who attended the lunch that you went to on

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1 your first day at KPMG?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Who was there? To the best of your memory.

4 A. David Middendorf, David Britt, John Mucha, and I believe
5 also Tom Canfarotta.

6 Q. John Mucha, if he were on on Government Exhibit 1361, where
7 would he be?

8 A. He would be another partner that would report up to Tom
9 Whittle as part of the inspections group was well.

10 Q. Do you remember where the lunch was?

11 A. It was at a Mediterranean restaurant that was a couple of
12 blocks from KPMG's New York office.

13 Q. Do you remember the name of the restaurant?

14 A. I think it was Avra. I'm not a hundred percent certain.

15 Q. I would like to show you what's marked for identification
16 Government Exhibit 1507. Do you recognize this exhibit?

17 A. Yes, I do.

18 Q. What is it?

19 A. This is a picture of the inside of the restaurant that we
20 went to on my first day at KPMG.

21 Q. Does this photo fairly and accurately depict the inside of
22 the restaurant from the first day in May of 2015?

23 A. Yes.

24 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
25 1507.

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1 THE COURT: 1507 is received.

2 (Government's Exhibit 1507 received in evidence)

3 BY MS. KRAMER:

4 Q. At the lunch on your first day, what kind of table were you
5 sitting at?

6 A. We were sitting in one of the circular booths.

7 Q. Were you at the end of the booth, an outside chair or in
8 the middle of the booth?

9 A. I was sitting at the end of the one of the -- sitting at
10 the end of the booth.

11 Q. Who did you sit next to?

12 A. I sat directly next to Dave Middendorf.

13 Q. And who was sitting across from you?

14 A. David Britt.

15 Q. Did there come a time during the lunch that the subject of
16 the PCAOB selection process came up?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Who participated in that discussion?

19 A. Generally everyone that was at the table, but certainly me
20 and Dave Middendorf and David Britt.

21 Q. What questions did they ask, in general terms?

22 A. They asked me about how the PCAOB made its selection
23 process, why they were picking so many banks for KPMG compared
24 to some of the other firms, other information about timing and
25 the inspection, the PCAOB's inspection team members themselves.

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1 Q. How did you respond to their questions?

2 A. I answered their questions.

3 Q. Did there come a time during the lunch when the subject of
4 PCAOB's schedule of inspections came up?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Who participated in that discussion?

7 A. Again, I remember David Middendorf and David Britt
8 participating in that.

9 Q. What was discussed about PCAOB's inspection schedule?

10 A. They indicated that they had received the PCAOB's advance
11 scheduling notification including the cities and the timing and
12 so we talked about that process.

13 Q. What questions did they ask you, if any, about that
14 process?

15 A. I remember them asking me specific questions about whether
16 or not issuers or KPMG audit clients were included within that
17 information.

18 Q. What specific questions do you remember them asking on that
19 subject?

20 A. I remember Dave Middendorf asking me if Wells Fargo was the
21 engagement that had been identified on that schedule as being a
22 financial services engagement in the San Francisco office later
23 that summer.

24 Q. Did he give you any indication of why he was asking about
25 Wells Fargo?

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1 A. Because the inspection schedule had indicated that they
2 would be in the San Francisco office for a fairly big block of
3 time and that the PCAOB's inspection would be for a bank or
4 financial services engagement. It seemed clear that he had
5 tried to figure that out from the schedule.

6 Q. Did you know at the time if Wells Fargo was in fact on the
7 PCAOB's list of audits to inspect that year?

8 A. Yes, I did know, and yes, it was.

9 Q. How did you know that?

10 A. I knew that from my time at the PCAOB because I knew the
11 banks, the financial services engagements that were being
12 picked that year in both my role of planning but also because I
13 had taken information with me.

14 Q. Had the PCAOB, at that time, at the time of the lunch on
15 your first day, had the PCAOB notified KPMG that it was going
16 to inspect Wells Fargo?

17 A. No.

18 Q. How did you respond to Dave Middendorf asking you if it in
19 fact was Wells Fargo that was going to be inspected?

20 A. I remember kind of shrugging my shoulders and indicating,
21 *Well, could it be anyone else?*

22 Q. Why didn't you just say yes?

23 A. Because I knew that by directly answering "yes" was a very
24 clear violation of the PCAOB's ethics code because it was such
25 confidential information.

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1 Q. What was your intention in shrugging your shoulders and
2 asking *could it be anyone else*?

3 A. I wanted to answer the question to Dave Middendorf but do
4 it in such a way that might give me an out.

5 Q. How did he respond?

6 A. I remember him getting very animated and slapping the table
7 and saying: *I knew it*.

8 Q. Did there come a time during the lunch when the subject of
9 whether or not you knew which KPMG audits the PCAOB was going
10 to inspect in 2015 came up?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Who participated in that discussion?

13 A. I know that both David Britt and David Middendorf were part
14 of that discussion.

15 Q. What was said on that topic?

16 A. Because we had been discussing the process and the
17 selection process. They not only asked me about what sorts of
18 other things I had done but whether or not I was involved in
19 the PCAOB selection that year, and I remember acknowledging to
20 them that I did know who was getting picked that year.

21 Q. How did they respond to you saying that you knew who was
22 getting picked that year?

23 A. It was a positive response.

24 Q. Did they ask you for the list of inspection targets at the
25 lunch?

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1 A. No. They did not.

2 Q. Did there come a time during the lunch when the subject of
3 an Indianapolis discussion came up?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Who participated in that discussion?

6 A. Again, I remember David Middendorf and David Britt
7 participating in that discussion.

8 Q. What did they say on that topic?

9 A. It was clear to me that they had deduced from this PCAOB
10 schedule that because the PCAOB was planning to go to
11 Indianapolis and inspect the bank there was only one bank in
12 Indianapolis that could be picked and that that was Stonegate
13 Mortgage.

14 Q. Did they ask you any questions about Stonegate?

15 A. They asked me if Stonegate was going to be the bank picked
16 in Indianapolis.

17 Q. How did you respond to that question?

18 A. I also confirmed it to them without trying to just come
19 right out and say yes.

20 Q. As of that lunch, was that information confidential to the
21 PCAOB, to your knowledge?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And were you allowed to share that knowledge?

24 A. I knew that I was not.

25 Q. As of that lunch, were you allowed to share the information

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1 about Wells Fargo getting picked?

2 A. No, I was not.

3 Q. At any point during that lunch on your first day did David
4 Middendorf tell you not to tell him anything he wasn't supposed
5 to know?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Did you have an understanding, based on what David
8 Middendorf said at the lunch, about whether he wanted you to
9 keep confidential information to yourself or to share it?

10 A. There was no -- he did not tell me to keep it to myself.
11 It was clear from all of the questions they were asking me that
12 they wanted me to explain all of that to them.

13 Q. And when you say that they wanted you to explain all the
14 confidential information to them, who do you mean?

15 A. David Middendorf and David Britt.

16 Q. Did there come a time your first week where you had a call
17 with Jim Liddy and David Middendorf?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Let's look again at what is in evidence as Government
20 Exhibit 1361. What role did Jim Liddy have in your first week
21 at KPMG?

22 A. Jim Liddy was vice chair of audit which meant he oversaw
23 entire audit practice for the firm.

24 Q. And at the time of the meeting with Jim Liddy and David
25 Middendorf, what was Jim Liddy's role, relative to David

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1 Middendorf's?

2 A. Jim Liddy was David Middendorf's boss.

3 Q. And what was David Middendorf's role, relative to yours?

4 A. He was my boss' boss.

5 Q. Okay. So, the meeting you recall your first week with Jim
6 Liddy and David Middendorf, was it a call or a meeting or some
7 combination of the two?

8 A. It was both. Jim Liddy was on the phone and David
9 Middendorf and I were in person.

10 Q. Did Jim Liddy participate the entire time that you and
11 David Middendorf were together?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did there come a time that you and Middendorf spoke without
14 Jim Liddy being on the phone?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Was that before or after the part of the meeting when Jim
17 Liddy participated by phone?

18 A. It was after the call with Jim Liddy.

19 Q. Where were you and David Middendorf when this meeting
20 happened?

21 A. We were upstairs in one of the KPMG executive conference
22 rooms in the KPMG New York office.

23 Q. Do you remember when, during your first week, that
24 meeting/phone call took place?

25 A. Yes. It was on my second day, so the Tuesday of my first

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1 week.

2 Q. During the portion of the meeting when Jim Liddy was on the
3 phone, did you take notes?

4 A. Yes, I did.

5 Q. During the portion of the meeting when it was just you and
6 David Middendorf in person in that conference room without Jim
7 Liddy on the phones, did you take notes?

8 A. Yes, I did.

9 Q. Do you remember what was discussed during the portion of
10 the meeting that Jim Liddy participated in by phone?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What was discussed in that meeting, to the best of your
13 memory?

14 A. Generally, I remember Jim Liddy welcoming me to the firm,
15 telling me how glad that they were to have finally hired me and
16 that I was part of KPMG. And, I remember him telling me not to
17 hold back, not to change my views, that because I had been such
18 a rigorous -- inspector-wise at the PCAOB for KPMG that they
19 didn't want me just to change that, to stay the same. And I
20 remember him also asking me questions about generally what the
21 PCAOB thought of certain people that were on KPMG's leadership
22 team that would face-off each month with the PCAOB's leadership
23 team that I was on.

24 Q. What happened after Jim Liddy got off the phone?

25 A. David Middendorf had some other things he wanted to talk to

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1 me about.

2 Q. How do you know that he had other things he wanted to talk
3 to you about?

4 A. Because we sat in the conference room, this executive
5 conference room for a while after the call ended with Jim.

6 Q. Do you remember everything that you and David Middendorf
7 talked about in this portion of the meeting that Jim Liddy
8 didn't participate in?

9 A. No, not everything.

10 Q. Is there anything that you could look at that would refresh
11 your recollection about what was discussed in that portion of
12 the meeting?

13 A. I took notes from that meeting.

14 Q. Can we please show the witness --

15 MR. BOXER: Your Honor, may we approach?

16 THE COURT: Yes.

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1 (At side bar)

2 MR. BOXER: There is not a proper foundation for
3 showing him the notes. The question was do you remember
4 everything. He said no. And then counsel went right into what
5 would refresh his recollection. There is items in notes that
6 it is obvious they want him to read but she has not yet asked
7 him what do you remember what was said and what he said. And,
8 he very well may remember the items in the notes.

9 So, he shouldn't be bolstered with the notes until it
10 is established that he can't remember what is in the notes.

11 MS. KRAMER: I don't think there is any bolstering
12 going on here, your Honor. I asked him if he remembers
13 everything that was said and he said no. That is a failure of
14 recollection. I'm not sure I understand what the technical
15 difference is that makes one approach proper and one not.

16 MR. BOXER: Because you haven't asked the question
17 "What do you remember?" It is an admission, it comes in
18 against us, it is Mr. Middendorf speaking, he will answer the
19 question. And if there is something in the notes he hasn't
20 remembered she can refresh his recollection with it, but you
21 don't get to jump ahead and show the jury that he has got
22 notes.

23 MS. KRAMER: But then so it sounds like what counsel
24 is suggesting, after the witness has already said he doesn't
25 remember anything -- sorry, excuse me, he doesn't remember

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1 everything, is that I ask him what do you remember and then he
2 says whatever he remembers, and I say anything else? Anything
3 else? And he says no, at which point I don't know that counsel
4 wouldn't object, or I say what, if anything, do you remember
5 about this topic, which I can do but I suspect that would draw
6 a different objection.

7 MR. BOXER: I think we take it one objection at a
8 time, your Honor, but I think if -- she is certainly permitted
9 to refresh his recollection about something, his answer
10 indicates he does not recall. We are just not at that point
11 yet. I suspect he remembers this part of the conversation very
12 clearly.

13 THE COURT: Are you focusing on a particular subject?

14 MS. KRAMER: Yes.

15 There are a few statements were made. The witness
16 does not remember off the top of his head everything that was
17 discussed and he took notes. I mean, I would also note that I
18 think some of this is sort of academic because both defendants
19 opened on the fact that Mr. Sweet is a liar. I suspect they're
20 going to attack the veracity of everything he says and his
21 notes will end up coming in on redirect as a prior consistent
22 statement offered to rebut a claim of recent fabrication. So I
23 suspect it is academic.

24 MR. BOXER: I think where he getting ahead of
25 ourselves, your Honor.

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1 THE COURT: I think there is a fair point that the
2 broad brush, "do you remember everything," I think another
3 level of questioning is appropriate.

4 MS. KRAMER: Okay. Can I just get some clarity? Is
5 there going to be objection if I ask him what, if anything, do
6 you remember being discussed about this topic?

7 MR. BOXER: No, there would be objection because
8 that's leading him. He said he doesn't remember everything. I
9 think an appropriate question would be what do you remember.

10 MS. MERMELSTEIN: What's the follow-up question?

11 THE COURT: And then I think you can follow up by
12 saying about X.

13 MS. KRAMER: So then I could.

14 THE COURT: Yes.

15 MS. KRAMER: Okay. Thank you.

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1 (In open court)

2 BY MS. KRAMER:

3 Q. So, Mr. Sweet, focusing your attention on the portion of
4 the meeting with David Middendorf during your first week after
5 Jim Liddy got off the phone, do you remember what David
6 Middendorf said during that part of your meeting?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What do you remember?

9 A. I remember David Middendorf raising the topic of Stonegate
10 Mortgage again from the prior day and indicating that while I
11 might have felt that that was a gray area, that I was there at
12 the firm to share insight and add value wherever I could and
13 that that was his expectation of me and --

14 Q. On that subject, had you discussed Stonegate Mortgage the
15 day before?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. When?

18 A. During the prior day lunch.

19 Q. What did you understand him to be referring to when he
20 brought up the discussion of Stonegate Mortgage the day before?

21 A. He was referencing kind of my uneasiness of confirming that
22 it was in fact Stonegate Mortgage that was going to be picked
23 by the PCAOB and trying to make it clear to me that the
24 expectation that I had in this new role in the national office
25 was, again, to share insights and add value and be fully open

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1 when it came to that type of information.

2 Q. And, do you specifically remember him using the phrase you
3 used a minute ago, "gray area?"

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What did you understand him to mean when he referred to
6 Stonegate as a "gray area?"

7 A. That Dave knew that that information was confidential PCAOB
8 information and I did too, and that while it had not been yet
9 communicated by the PCAOB that I shouldn't have hesitation
10 sharing that type of information.

11 Q. What else do you remember David Middendorf saying in this
12 part of that meeting your first week after Jim Liddy got off
13 the phone?

14 A. I remember Dave also bringing up the contacts and the
15 relationship that I had at the PCAOB indicating, again, one of
16 the expectations was that I would maintain strong contacts with
17 my former colleagues at the PCAOB because it was a unique
18 relationship that I had had since I had not only worked at the
19 PCAOB for so many years but I had specifically worked on the
20 KPMG inspection team. So, I had a lot of friendships and
21 professional relationships with people that would continue to
22 work on KPMG inspections at the PCAOB.

23 Q. Did you understand there to be anything inherently wrong
24 with keeping up with your PCAOB contacts?

25 A. No.

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1 Q. Based on the rest of your conversation with David
2 Middendorf, did you have an understanding about what he was
3 asking to you do when he asked you to stay in touch with those
4 people?

5 A. Just generally that he wanted me to be able to paint the
6 firm in a very positive light when I was having conversations;
7 telling him all the great things the firm was doing as it
8 related to audit quality, but also to keep a listening ear to
9 be close with those contacts and stay aware of anything that
10 they might share with me.

11 Q. Do you remember anything else that David Middendorf told
12 you during that meeting your first week?

13 A. Not that I can remember right now.

14 Q. Did there come a time in that meeting that David Middendorf
15 brought up the subject of your paycheck?

16 A. Oh. Yes.

17 Q. What did he say about that?

18 A. I remember that David Middendorf also indicated or told me
19 that I needed to remember where my paycheck came from and that
20 I was now a partner at KPMG and that it was expected of me to,
21 again, add value to KPMG wherever I could.

22 Q. What did you understand that to mean?

23 A. That, again, I was not to hold back, that my loyalty from
24 that point onward was to be at KPMG I, was a partner, I was a
25 part of this partnership.

J2J5mid3

Sweet - direct

1 Q. How did you respond to David Middendorf in this meeting
2 when he talked to you about your loyalty and your paycheck and
3 gray areas?

4 A. I remember saying okay.

5 Q. Why did you say okay?

6 A. Dave was my boss' boss, I am brand-new to the firm and in
7 this role within the national office and it is second day of my
8 first week there and I felt like I had no choice but to say
9 okay.

10 Q. What was your understanding, based on this meeting with
11 David Middendorf after Jim Liddy got off the phone, about what
12 David Middendorf expected of you?

13 A. That he expected me to share whatever information I knew
14 about the PCAOB's selection process, insights that I learned,
15 keep close relationships, and be completely loyal to KPMG and
16 KPMG only.

17 Q. Did there come a time that week when you went to lunch with
18 Thomas Whittle.

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Who else was there?

21 A. George Hermann was there as well.

22 Q. What role did he have at the time?

23 A. George was also in the national office. He was the partner
24 in charge of the audit group.

25 Q. When, during your first week, was this lunch with Thomas

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Sweet - direct

1 Whittle and George Hermann?

2 A. I believe it was on the Thursday of my first week.

3 Q. Do you remember where you had lunch?

4 A. I don't remember the name of the restaurant but it was a
5 Chinese food place a few blocks from the office.

6 Q. Did there come a time during the lunch when the subject of
7 PCAOB inspections came up?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Who participated in that discussion?

10 A. Both George Hermann, Thomas Whittle, and myself.

11 Q. What, if anything, did they ask you?

12 A. Again, it was similar questions about how the PCAOB
13 processed worked both on selecting issuers for inspection,
14 insight about how the inspections themselves work, questions
15 about the PCAOB's leadership team and specific questions about
16 the people that had been assigned as inspectors on the KPMG
17 team.

18 Q. Did you speak with Thomas Whittle that day just at the
19 lunch or were there other times?

20 A. There were other times that day.

21 Q. How did you get back to the office from the lunch?

22 A. We walked.

23 Q. Who did you walk with?

24 A. I walked with Thomas Whittle.

25 Q. Did you and Thomas Whittle talk during your walk?

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1 A. Yes, we did.

2 Q. What did you talk about?

3 A. Again, the topic of the 2015 inspections for KPMG came up
4 and I acknowledged to Tom that I knew who was getting picked in
5 2015 by the PCAOB and I had taken documents with me from the
6 PCAOB.

7 Q. What did you intend to convey to him when you said you had
8 taken documents with you from the PCAOB?

9 A. Just that not only did I, you know, know in my head who was
10 getting picked, but that I also had stolen this information.

11 Q. Meaning what?

12 A. Meaning that I had the list, I had this information with
13 me, and that I brought it with me to KPMG.

14 Q. After the walk back from the lunch, did you speak with
15 Thomas Whittle again that day?

16 A. I did.

17 Q. When?

18 A. Later that evening Thomas Whittle came by my office where I
19 was sitting and he leaned against the door and asked me to give
20 him the list.

21 Q. What did you understand him to mean by the list?

22 A. That he wanted to see specifically who the PCAOB was going
23 to inspect for 2015.

24 Q. How did you respond?

25 A. I told him I would have to look and just to give me a few

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1 minutes.

2 Q. Why did you say that you would have to look?

3 A. Because I knew that I had that information several
4 different places and I wanted to try and think through what I
5 was going to do.

6 Q. What did you do next?

7 A. I took one of the hard copy documents that I had taken with
8 me from the PCAOB and I went over to Tom's office and went to
9 his desk and handed him the list.

10 Q. What list did you show him?

11 A. I showed him just the list of the banks and financial
12 services inspections that were going to be inspected for 2015.

13 Q. And as of the Thursday of your first week at KPMG, had some
14 of the inspections on the list you showed Whittle been formally
15 identified by the PCAOB and notified to KPMG?

16 A. Yes. Some of them.

17 Q. Had all of them been the subject of a PCAOB notification to
18 KPMG?

19 A. No.

20 Q. What was your understanding about whether the ones on the
21 list that the PCAOB had not given notice of to KPMG were still
22 confidential?

23 A. I knew that information was very confidential at the PCAOB.

24 Q. What was your understanding about whose property that list
25 was?

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1 A. I knew that information was the PCAOB's property and not
2 mine.

3 Q. What other information, aside from the names of the KPMG
4 audits that were going to be inspected, was on the document
5 that you showed Thomas Whittle?

6 A. It included the schedule and so the timing of the audits --
7 or when the inspections would occur. Excuse me. It also
8 included which inspectors from the PCAOB were going to be
9 assigned. And, I believe it also included the focus areas for
10 each of those bank inspections.

11 Q. Was that part of the list also confidential?

12 A. Very much so.

13 Q. What happened after you showed Thomas Whittle the list?

14 A. I took the list back with me and went home -- or went back
15 to my hotel.

16 Q. What's the next thing that happened with respect to the
17 2015 list?

18 A. The next morning, Tom Whittle sent me an e-mail and asked
19 me to give that list to his EA -- his executive assistant --
20 and that she was to scan it and send it to Tom.

21 Q. How many days had you been working at KPMG at this point?

22 A. That was my first week, so at that point I had only been
23 employed -- that was my fifth day with the firm.

24 Q. And how many days had you been at the firm when you had
25 that meeting with David Middendorf after Jim Liddy got off the

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1 phone?

2 A. That was my second day with the firm.

3 Q. Let's take a look at what's marked for identification as
4 Government Exhibit 753. Do you recognize this exhibit?

5 A. Yes, I do.

6 Q. How do you recognize it?

7 A. I recognize this to be the e-mail correspondence between
8 Tom Whittle and I on the Friday of my first week of my KPMG
9 e-mail account.

10 MS. KRAMER: Your Honor, I would like to offer
11 Government Exhibit 753 along with a stipulation that the
12 parties have entered into that's marked for identification as
13 Government Exhibit 1375. It is an e-mail authenticity
14 stipulation.

15 THE COURT: All right.

16 MS. KRAMER: So, if we could show, Mr. Urbanczyk, the
17 witness, government, Court and counsel 1375? And it is an
18 e-mail authenticity stipulation pertaining to certain e-mails
19 maintained by the PCAOB, SEC, AOL, and KPMG, and includes some
20 information.

21 If you, Mr. Urbanczyk, could go to paragraph 5 on page
22 2 about the various time zones that the different e-mails are
23 in?

24 The government offers the stipulation Government
25 Exhibit 1375 and the specific document that is before the

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1 witness, Government Exhibit 753.

2 THE COURT: 1375 the stipulation is received, and 753
3 is received.

4 (Government's Exhibits 753 and 1375 received in
5 evidence)

6 THE COURT: Just to explain to the jury, as I will
7 explain in my instructions in more detail, a stipulation is
8 simply an agreed upon fact between the parties. All the
9 parties agree to a fact and you accept it as true since it is
10 stipulated to.

11 Those documents are received.

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1 MS. KRAMER: Thank you, your Honor.

2 BY MS. KRAMER:

3 Q. All right. So, taking a look at Government Exhibit 753.

4 OK.

5 So, let's look at the first email in the chain in this
6 document. When did you receive this email, Mr. Sweet?

7 A. On Friday, May 8, 2015 at 8:25 a.m.

8 Q. And what was the subject line of the email?

9 A. The subject is "List."

10 Q. Who sent the email to you?

11 A. Tom Whittle.

12 Q. What did he say in the email?

13 A. He said, "Brian, could you have Lisa scan and send me the
14 banking selection list? Thanks. Tom."

15 Q. All right. And let's go back to your response.

16 How quickly did you respond?

17 A. I responded within ten minutes later.

18 Q. What did you say in your response?

19 A. I said: "Tom, just to clarify, are you referring to the
20 expect PCAOB banking selections? If so I can email you
21 something that might be easier to use (rather than a scanned
22 version)."

23 Q. OK. And how quickly did Tom Whittle respond to you?

24 A. Tom responded one minute later.

25 Q. What did he say in his response?

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Sweet - direct

1 A. He said, "Yes, the selection list. Thanks."

2 Q. What did you understand him to be asking you when he asked
3 you to send him the selection list?

4 A. That he was asking me to send him the document that I had
5 shared with him that prior night and specifically give him the
6 names of the PCAOB's banking inspections that were planned for
7 2015.

8 Q. Do you know roughly what percentage or amounts of the
9 selections were still confidential as of that point?

10 A. Most of those selections were still confidential.

11 Q. All right. What did you do in response to this request
12 from Tom Whittle?

13 A. I decided to not only send him the banking selections, but
14 because I also had another hardcopy document with the full list
15 of inspections for 2015, the banks and the non-banks, I gave
16 that document to Lisa and had her send the whole thing to Tom.

17 Q. Why did you send him the full list and not just the banks?

18 A. Well, because I had acknowledged to Tom that I knew who was
19 getting picked and I knew that it was expected of me to share
20 all of the information that I knew, and I felt that if I only
21 sent just the banks, that I would get a follow-up request to
22 send the others, too, or give whatever else I knew, so I just
23 decided to send the whole thing.

24 Q. All right. Let's look at the list.

25 Could you take a look at what's marked for

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1 identification as Government Exhibit 754A.

2 Mr. Urbanczyk, if you could flip through the document
3 for the witness, Court and counsel.

4 (Pause)

5 Do you recognize this exhibit?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. How do you recognize it?

8 A. I recognize this to be the document that I gave to Lisa,
9 Tom's executive assistant, to scan and email. This is the
10 document.

11 Q. And is this a document that you stole from the PCAOB?

12 A. Yes, it is.

13 MS. KRAMER: All right. The government offers
14 Government Exhibit 754A.

15 THE COURT: 754A is received.

16 (Government's Exhibit 754A received in evidence)

17 BY MS. KRAMER:

18 Q. All right. Let's walk through the document.

19 So, what is in the left-most column?

20 A. The left-most column is a date. So, it is the start week,
21 so the date that the PCAOB's field work would start for the
22 inspection.

23 Q. What is your understanding about when in relation to the
24 left-hand column date, the start week, that PCAOB would notify
25 KPMG of an inspection in the ordinary course?

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1 A. It would give two or three weeks' notice in advance of this
2 specific date.

3 Q. OK. So as of the date you shared this, what is your
4 understanding about whether inspections scheduled for June,
5 July or August had been notified?

6 A. They had not been notified.

7 Q. What is the next column after "Start Week"?

8 A. The next column says, "Issuer," and so it's the specific
9 name - it represents the specific name of KPMG's audit
10 engagement that would be inspected by the PCAOB.

11 MS. KRAMER: Mr. Urbanczyk, could you try zooming out
12 less and see if it is clearer? Or picking a smaller area? How
13 about a bigger area?

14 Q. Can you read that, Mr. Sweet?

15 A. Yes, I can.

16 Q. OK. So what goes in the "Issuer" column?

17 A. It is the specific name of the KPMG audit engagement that
18 would get announced by the PCAOB.

19 Q. And what is the next column entitled?

20 A. It says "Industry." So it is the industry in which that
21 particular audit client operates in.

22 Q. And what is the heading of the next column?

23 A. "Focus Areas."

24 Q. What is in the Focus Areas column?

25 A. So those are the specific areas of the financial statement

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1 audit engagement that the PCAOB would look at, so exactly which
2 areas they would be inspecting.

3 Q. And when does the PCAOB notify KPMG of the focus areas for
4 a particular inspection?

5 A. It is after they have formally announced the inspection and
6 before they start their field work, so it's sometime between
7 that two- or three-week notification period.

8 Q. All right. And could you walk us through what's in the
9 next few columns?

10 A. Yes. The next column indicates Number of Weeks, so that
11 just represents how many weeks the PCAOB would be in the field
12 conducting its field work. I believe the next column says
13 "Hours," and those are reflecting the total number of hours for
14 the audit, which was important information for the inspection
15 team to be aware of. And then the next three columns are the
16 "Number of FSA Inspectors, "Number of ISA Inspectors" and then
17 "FTEs," which is full-time equivalent, so it is just
18 representing the total number of staff, inspection staff, that
19 would be participating in that inspection.

20 Q. What are in the columns entitled "City" and "Year End"?

21 A. "City," city represents the location in which the PCAOB
22 would be conducting its inspection, and then the "Year End" is
23 just the year end of the audit engagement that would be subject
24 for inspections, so where the fiscal year end is.

25 Q. What is in the next column?

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1 A. It is "Issuer Description," so it is just a brief
2 description of what type of company would be inspected, what
3 type of company was being audited or had been subject to an
4 audit engagement.

5 Q. All right. Let's turn back to Government Exhibit 753. And
6 let's look at the email that you sent to Tom Whittle on Friday,
7 May 8th, which is dated 9:54 a.m.

8 What was the first sentence in your email?

9 A. I wrote: "Lisa should have sent it to you so please let me
10 know if you haven't yet received the document."

11 Q. What was the document you were referring to in this email
12 that you sent to Tom Whittle the morning of Friday, May 8th?

13 A. It is referring to the document that we just reviewed, that
14 full listing of the 2015 inspections.

15 Q. The list that's in evidence as Government Exhibit 754A?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And to be clear, that was a hardcopy document. And what
18 did you do with it?

19 A. I gave that hardcopy document to Lisa Dragonetti, who was
20 Tom Whittle's executive assistant.

21 Q. OK. What is the second sentence of your email?

22 A. It says, "Just so you know, it is actually the full list of
23 anticipated inspections (including non-banks)."

24 Q. Why did you write that in your email to Tom Whittle?

25 A. Because I -- I mean, while it might have been obvious, this

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1 document that I had given Lisa to send was different than the
2 one I had showed him the prior night. The prior night was only
3 the banks, and this I had given was the full list of
4 inspections.

5 Q. What is the next sentence you wrote?

6 A. I wrote, "I'd appreciate the team's discretion to make sure
7 it isn't too widely disseminated."

8 Q. Why did you write that?

9 A. Because I knew how confidential this information was that I
10 was giving to Tom, and I also knew that it was -- that I only
11 had it because I had stolen it from the PCAOB, taken it with me
12 on my last day, and I did not want it getting back to the PCAOB
13 that I had taken this information.

14 Q. All right. Let's look at the next sentence, where you
15 wrote, "To the extent you think it would help for me to spend
16 some time with the individual engagement teams to provide some
17 additional info on what the PCAOB's planning considerations
18 were as part of their preparation (once they are notified)
19 please let me know," why did you offer to help the engagement
20 teams once they were notified and not sooner?

21 A. Because the PCAOB's formal process was only to notify the
22 engagements two or three weeks before their planned inspection,
23 and so any work that Tom asked me to do to help ready those
24 teams before that two- or three-week notification process would
25 be a clear indicator to the team that we were operating on

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1 confidential information or, you know, unauthorized
2 information, and, again, I didn't want the engagement teams to
3 be aware and certainly not get back to the PCAOB that I had
4 shared this information.

5 Q. All right. Let's look up in the email to Tom Whittle's
6 response that day.

7 What did he say to you?

8 A. Tom wrote: "Brian, got it and understand the sensitivity.
9 Have. A safe flight and a great weekend. Enjoy your DOM. If
10 you come into New York the week before Memorial Day weekend,
11 you should plan to get out Thursday night. Tom."

12 Q. What did you understand him to be talking about when he
13 told you to "enjoy your Dom"?

14 A. One of the things that the firm I think commonly did for
15 partners, or people who made partner, is they send a bottle of
16 Dom Perignon champagne, and my wife had let me know that week
17 that Tom had sent me a bottle to the house and so I thanked Tom
18 previously for that.

19 Q. Did there come a time that Tom Whittle referenced your
20 value to him?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Do you remember when he referenced your value to him?

23 A. I don't remember the specific date but within the first --
24 very close to me joining the firm and then several other times
25 after I had been with the firm for quite awhile.

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1 Q. What did he say about that when he referenced it close in
2 time to you joining the firm?

3 A. I remember him telling me that I was most valuable to him
4 the first day that I joined KPMG and effectively that I had
5 less value as time went on.

6 Q. Did you have an understanding of what he meant?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What was your understanding?

9 A. That my usefulness was only because of the role that I
10 played in the PCAOB and that the utility of what I knew, the
11 benefit that the firm got from what I knew would decline over
12 time, that I had become less valuable and therefore that my job
13 would be less secure.

14 Q. In general terms, and without getting into specifics, did
15 you speak with anyone else aside from Tom Whittle about the
16 2015 PCAOB inspection selections?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Generally speaking, what kinds of conversations did you
19 have?

20 A. I had conversations with other partners once they had found
21 out, that they had been notified, to not only talk them through
22 the PCAOB's process but, you know, share with them some of the
23 rationale for why their particular audits had been selected and
24 also had other conversations with people where I shared
25 information about specific confidential information of who was

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1 going to get picked that year.

2 Q. All right. Let's move on to your second week at KPMG.

3 Showing you what's marked for identification as
4 Government Exhibit 510. Do you recognize this document?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. How do you recognize it?

7 A. I recognize this to be an email between Cindy Holder and I,
8 and I recognize the document that's attached.

9 Q. What's the date of the email between you and Cindy Holder?

10 A. It is May 12th, 2015.

11 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
12 510.

13 THE COURT: 510 is received.

14 (Government's Exhibit 510 received in evidence)

15 BY MS. KRAMER:

16 Q. Let's look at the header information at the top of the
17 first page. Which email accounts participated in this email?

18 A. Cindy Holder sent this to me from her, you know, personal
19 AOL email account, and she sent it to my personal Yahoo!
20 account.

21 Q. OK. And what's the subject line of the email?

22 A. The subject is, "Anonymous Email."

23 Q. And is there anything in the text part of the email?

24 A. Just a smiley face.

25 Q. What's the attachment that's referenced in the first page

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1 of this email?

2 A. The attachment is "Report Writing themes, various." So,
3 it's referencing various confidential draft PCAOB reporting
4 information for the Part II section of the PCAOB's report.

5 MS. KRAMER: OK. Could we go back to the first page
6 of the email, Mr. Urbanczyk.

7 Q. So what is the title of the attachment from this email?

8 A. It says, "RW Part 2 Themes - Various."

9 Q. What does that mean?

10 A. "RW" stands for Report Writing, which is that subgroup
11 within the KPMG team that I had worked on. And then "Part 2
12 Themes" is referencing the Part 2 draft report, like themes,
13 that the PCAOB -- I had helped draft at the PCAOB for KPMG's
14 Part II section of their 2014 report.

15 Q. OK. As of May of 2015, had this been shared with the firm,
16 KPMG?

17 A. No, it had not.

18 Q. Did you have an understanding about whether or not this was
19 valuable information for the firm to have?

20 A. Yeah, I knew -- yes. It was, yes, very valuable.

21 Q. Do you know what caused Cindy Holder to send you this draft
22 Part 2 portion of the PCAOB's report for KPMG?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What?

25 A. I had called Cindy and asked Cindy to tell me what was in

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1 these Report Writing drafts that even though I had worked on
2 them, that I couldn't remember what was included in them, and
3 that I had been asked to help -- or meet with other people in
4 the national office and that I wanted to refresh myself on what
5 things I had identified or the PCAOB had identified in these
6 Part II themes in preparation for this meeting.

7 Q. Did you have an understanding at the time of where this
8 document was maintained at PCAOB?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What was your understanding of where this document was
11 maintained at the PCAOB?

12 A. This -- I knew this document was included in the PCAOB's
13 Report Writing folder, subfolder, within that IIS system.

14 Q. Did you want to receive this on your KPMG email account?

15 A. No, I did not.

16 Q. Why not?

17 A. Because I thought it would increase the likelihood of
18 detection.

19 Q. All right. Let's look at the first two pages, if we could,
20 Mr. Urbanczyk, of the attachment.

21 Generally, what information is in these comment
22 bubbles in the margins of the pages?

23 A. They are -- generally they are either, you know, questions
24 or comments for, you know, as this document moved through the
25 Report Writing review phase within the PCAOB's national office,

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1 but also specific references to support the statement that were
2 being made, so referencing the underlying support and findings.

3 Q. From your experience at the PCAOB and the KPMG, did there
4 ever come a time that the PCAOB would share its -- the comment
5 bubbles' version of the Part II report with KPMG?

6 A. No, it was confidential.

7 Q. OK. Did there come a time when Cindy Holder discussed with
8 you a potential comment she was considering writing for KPMG
9 while she was still an inspector at the PCAOB?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Approximately when was that?

12 A. I don't remember the exact date but it was, again, within
13 several weeks of me joining the firm.

14 Q. How did it come up?

15 A. I remember getting a phone call from Cindy saying, hey,
16 Brian, I wanted to run -- or got a potential issue that I am
17 dealing with on this KPMG bank inspection and I wanted to run
18 it past you to get your views on it.

19 Q. In substance, what did she say to you in that conversation?

20 A. She told me she was debating whether or not to write a
21 comment form for that inspection she was on and talked me
22 through what the issue was to get my opinion, my feedback on
23 it.

24 Q. And was she still assigned to the KPMG inspection team at
25 that time?

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1 A. Yes, she was.

2 Q. And you were -- where were you employed at the time?

3 A. I was employed at KPMG.

4 Q. And based on conversations you had with Cindy Holder, do
5 you have an understanding as to whether or not she knew that
6 you were employed at KPMG?

7 A. Yes, Cindy knew I was at KPMG at that point.

8 Q. OK. How did you respond to her asking you whether she
9 should write a comment on a KPMG inspection?

10 A. I remember reminding her of a similar issue that we had
11 dealt with on a previous inspection where we had decided not to
12 write a comment and that I didn't think it warranted writing a
13 comment in this case, so, no, not to write a comment.

14 Q. How did she respond?

15 A. Saying, OK, yeah, that's what I thought, too, and, yeah,
16 I'm not going to write one.

17 Q. Did you tell anyone about this conversation after it
18 happened?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Who did you tell?

21 A. I remember going and telling Tom Whittle.

22 Q. What did you tell him?

23 A. I told him that I had just gotten a call from one of the
24 old PCAOB inspectors that I used to work with asking me my
25 advice on whether or not they should write a comment or not.

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1 Q. Did you tell him what you had told that PCAOB inspector
2 about whether or not they should write a comment?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did you tell him that they had agreed not to write the
5 comment?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. How did Tom Whittle respond?

8 A. I remember him getting very animated and saying, Oh, gosh,
9 let me guess, what did you, you open up your desk drawer and
10 see who is, you know, signing your paycheck? You know, of
11 course you're not going to tell them not to write a comment.

12 Q. Did you tell anyone else about that conversation with Cindy
13 Holder about the comment?

14 A. I remember also sharing that -- telling the story to David
15 Britt.

16 Q. How did he respond?

17 A. Very similar, very glad that they would not be getting a
18 comment in that area.

19 Q. Did there come a time in the summer of 2015 that you and
20 Cindy Holder communicated about her leaving the PCAOB to come
21 work at KPMG?

22 A. Yes.

23 MS. KRAMER: Mr. Urbanczyk, could you pull up what's
24 in evidence as Government Exhibit 510.

25 Q. Do you remember whether or not Cindy Holder first expressed

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1 interest in coming to KPMG before or after she sent you this
2 anonymous email document?

3 A. It was before May 12th.

4 Q. What about in relation to her calling you and asking
5 whether or not she should write a KPMG comment?

6 A. It was, again, before that event that she had told me she
7 wanted to leave and join KPMG.

8 Q. Was Cindy Holder ultimately hired by KPMG?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. In what group?

11 A. She was hired into Tom Whittle's Internal Inspections Group
12 in the national office.

13 Q. Did you play a role in Cindy Holder getting hired?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q. What role did you play in that process?

16 A. I had a very direct role in that process.

17 Q. Specifically what kinds of things did you do to participate
18 in that process?

19 A. I remember getting Cindy's résumé and providing her
20 feedback on her résumé to help make it as strong as possible.

21 I remember helping coordinate the hiring of PCAOB with KPMG's
22 internal recruiter and being a communication go-between in some
23 instances between Cindy and the recruiter. I remember talking
24 with Tom Whittle about Cindy and expressing my very strong
25 recommendation that she be hired and also meeting with others

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1 that Cindy ended up interviewing with to, again, provide a
2 strong reference and recommendation to Cindy.

3 Q. Do you know what city Cindy Holder worked out of when she
4 worked for the PCAOB?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Which one?

7 A. Cindy worked out of the PCAOB's Houston office.

8 Q. And do you know in what city and state she lived in when
9 she worked for the PCAOB?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Which one?

12 A. She worked out of the -- she lived in Houston, Texas, as
13 well.

14 Q. Do you know what city she worked out of when she worked for
15 KPMG?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Which one?

18 A. KPMG's New York office.

19 Q. Do you know if she continued to live in Houston, Texas,
20 while she worked for KPMG out of the New York office?

21 A. Yes, she did.

22 Q. What arrangement did she had, to your knowledge, that
23 allowed her to live in Texas and work in New York?

24 A. Cindy was also put on a commuting package, similar to me,
25 which meant that she could travel back and forth between her

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1 home and Texas and the firm's Manhattan, New York office, and
2 that the firm would pay for all those travel expenses.

3 Q. Was Cindy Holder a partner at KPMG like you were?

4 A. No, she was not.

5 Q. Was the commuting arrangement typical for non-partners at
6 KPMG?

7 A. No, it was not. Very rare.

8 Q. Approximately when did she start at KPMG?

9 A. It was later on at the end of the summer. I think it was
10 around August of 2015.

11 Q. Before Cindy Holder left the PCAOB, did there come a time
12 that you spoke with her about the documents that you had taken
13 when you left the PCAOB?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Approximately when did that happen?

16 A. While she was still at the PCAOB, so before she joined
17 KPMG.

18 Q. What did you tell her?

19 A. I told her how that before I had left the PCAOB, that I had
20 taken -- transferred the documents that were on my computer
21 onto an external hard drive and that I had taken these
22 documents with me, including the information I got out of the
23 IIS system.

24 Q. Why did you tell her that?

25 A. Well, I knew that this information was helpful for me in my

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1 job and I certainly wanted Cindy to be successful in her job,
2 too. So, I told her what I had done, fully expecting that she
3 was going to then do the same things.

4 Q. Did there come a time that you learned whether or not Cindy
5 Holder had taken confidential PCAOB documents when she left?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. When was that?

8 A. After Cindy joined KPMG, she told me that she had done the
9 same thing and taken information with her.

10 Q. Did there come a time that you were asked to help recruit
11 other PCAOB employees to KPMG?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Who asked you to do that?

14 A. Tom Whittle asked me to do that, both -- he asked me to do
15 that both before I joined KPMG and then a number of times after
16 I joined KPMG.

17 Q. Did you have communications with PCAOB employees other than
18 Cindy Holder between 2015 and 2017 about them possibly coming
19 to KPMG?

20 A. I did.

21 Q. Did you review the résumés of any such PCAOB employees?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Who were some of the people whose résumés you remember
24 reviewing and talking to about coming to KPMG?

25 A. Besides Cindy, I remember reviewing résumés for people like

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1 Grady Peeler, David Nitz, and Jeff Wada.

2 THE COURT: It's just after 1 o'clock. Would this be
3 a good time to break?

4 MS. KRAMER: Certainly, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: OK, folks. We're going to take an hour
6 for lunch. Please remember, you are not yet deliberating so
7 you are not talking about the case with each other. I am going
8 to give you an hour for lunch, and we'll continue back here at
9 2 o'clock.

10 Have a good lunch, everybody, and please leave your
11 pads on your chairs.

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1 (Jury not present)

2 THE COURT: You may be seated.

3 You may step down, sir.

4 Anything anybody wants wanted to discuss before lunch

5 MS. LESTER: Just one thing, your Honor. I will wait
6 for the witness to leave.

7 (Witness not present)

8 MS. LESTER: Your Honor, Ms. Kramer asked a question
9 about whether Mr. Sweet understood a document to be his
10 property or the PCAOB's property. We didn't object at the
11 time, but we do have an objection to questions of that sort. I
12 don't think it is necessary to use the word "property" where
13 the defendants contest whether the confidential information
14 itself is property under the wire fraud statute. So, we would
15 ask that the government not ask any further questions involving
16 the word "property."

17 MS. KRAMER: Your Honor, we do have a burden in this
18 case that we are allowed to meet through admissible evidence.
19 The witness' understanding of what he took and who it belonged
20 to is totally proper to fulfill the objective of this trial.
21 It's not a prejudicial term, and the question is whether he had
22 an understanding of it.

23 MS. LESTER: Your Honor, I think the word "property"
24 is a legal term, and the witness does not have to use that
25 term. The government can meet its burden by explaining the

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1 nature of the information, as the witness has already
2 testified; he believed it was confidential. He has explained
3 how it was kept at the PCAOB. And then the government can
4 argue to the jury that all of those factors make the
5 information property. They don't have to have the witness
6 testify to a legal conclusion.

7 MS. KRAMER: Your Honor, "property" is hardly a legal
8 term of art. And I cannot imagine a scenario where if
9 witnesses did not accurately talk about the material that's at
10 issue in a case -- if this were a narcotics case, witnesses
11 would certainly be allowed to talk about whether they
12 understood something to be cocaine, for example -- I cannot
13 imagine a situation where the defense wouldn't get up in a case
14 like this and make an argument to the jury at the end of it
15 that no one ever said anything about whether something was
16 property. Therefore, how could you possibly conclude that it's
17 property?

18 So I think restraining the government from being able
19 to use relevant terminology and ask questions of whether a
20 witness understood something to fall within the plain meaning
21 of a basic word like property prevents us from being able to
22 put in evidence that is relevant to the case that the defense
23 would surely argue from, and I don't think that they can have
24 their cake and eat it, too, in this circumstance.

25 THE COURT: You have no problem with a question

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1 like -- referring to PCAOB's information; you just have a
2 problem with the word "property"? I'm not going to prevent the
3 use of the word because I don't think it is an unfair word if
4 it is necessary to clarify that that's the witness'
5 understanding.

6 MS. LESTER: Your Honor, I think a limiting
7 instruction would be appropriate to the extent the government
8 continues to elicit that word, because the jury will be asked
9 at the end of the case to determine whether the confidential
10 information was property. It's for them to determine, not for
11 the witness to tell them.

12 MS. KRAMER: Your Honor, part of what the jury has to
13 determine in this case -- everything the jury has to determine
14 in this case is based on the evidence that the government puts
15 before it. So, whether it be, you know, who the relevant
16 entities are, what is at issue, all of that comes in through
17 documents and through testimony. If the defense wants to argue
18 to the jury that something isn't property, notwithstanding the
19 fact that the government has witnesses who view it as property,
20 they can make that argument. But certainly we're entitled to
21 put in proof of that based on witnesses' understanding who
22 actually participated in this and, indeed, the witness on the
23 stand who actually stole the property.

24 THE COURT: I'm with the government on this. I'll
25 consider it but I think that the government is right, that

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1 there is nothing to preclude the witness from saying it is
2 property. I don't think it is something that requires a
3 clarifying instruction. So, the objection is overruled.

4 We'll see you at 2 o'clock.

5 MS. KRAMER: Thank you, your Honor.

6 (Luncheon recess)

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2:04 p.m.

(Jury not present)

THE COURT: Good afternoon.

MS. KRAMER: Good afternoon, your Honor.

We have just two brief things to raise with the Court before we continue with the witness.

First, I wanted to confirm on the record the government's understanding, based on our communications with defense counsel leading up to trial, that there will not be an objection to me offering Mr. Sweet's cooperation agreement into evidence during his direct testimony because of the fact that both defense counsel attacked his credibility in their openings. So I just wanted to confirm that.

THE COURT: Any objection?

MR. COOK: No, your Honor.

MS. LESTER: No.

THE COURT: OK.

MS. KRAMER: Second, with respect to scheduling, we just wanted to update the Court that we're going slower than expected. If it is something that the Court and the jurors and co-counsel are amenable to, we wanted to raise the possibility of sitting part of or all of Friday to try to start to catch up. I understand that your Honor has scheduled matters for Friday so we don't know if that is possible, but we wanted to

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1 raise it as early as we could to see if we could stay as close
2 to or on track with our schedule.

3 THE COURT: OK. I'll check my schedule and think
4 about it and we'll see how we do.

5 Does anybody know their position on the Friday issue
6 at this point? We can talk about it later, if you would like.

7 MR. COOK: We can discuss it later, your Honor.

8 MS. LESTER: There is just one other thing, your
9 Honor.

10 With respect to the order of cross-examination of
11 Mr. Sweet, Mr. Cook is going to go first and I will go second.
12 We already let the government know.

13 THE COURT: OK. That's fine.

14 All right. Can we bring in the jury and the witness?

15 MS. KRAMER: I will get the witness, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Yes.

17 MS. KRAMER: Thank you.

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1 (Jury present)

2 THE COURT: You may be seated.

3 Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen.

4 JURORS: Good afternoon.

5 THE COURT: We continue with the direct examination.

6 Ms. Kramer, you may proceed.

7 MS. KRAMER: Thank you, your Honor.

8 BRIAN JOHN SWEET,

9 Resumed, and testified further as follows:

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION (Resumed)

11 BY MS. KRAMER:

12 Q. Mr. Sweet, are you familiar with someone named Jung Lee?

13 A. Yes, I am.

14 Q. How do you know him?

15 A. I knew Jung Lee from both my time at the PCAOB and also
16 while I worked at KPMG.

17 Q. And throughout that period, where was he employed?

18 A. He was employed at the PCAOB.

19 Q. Did you ever communicate with Jung Lee about the
20 possibility of him working at KPMG?

21 A. Yes, I did.

22 Q. In what contexts?

23 A. Jung had expressed interest in joining KPMG and in
24 particular their International Inspections Group and had sought
25 my help in getting a job at KPMG.

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1 Q. Was he ever hired by KPMG?

2 A. No, he was not.

3 Q. Did he ever give you any confidential PCAOB information?

4 A. No, he did not.

5 Q. Did he ever share any information about international
6 inspections with you?

7 A. Yes, he did.

8 Q. What kind of information did he share about that with you?

9 A. He shared information regarding a Spanish inspection in
10 Spain that he had been on, and had indicated that they had
11 received a significant number of comment forms, that it had
12 gone really bad for the firm, and that was confidential
13 information.

14 Q. Other than that, did he ever give you any inspection lists
15 for the PCAOB?

16 A. No, he did not.

17 Q. All right. Did there come a time that you were asked to
18 assist the Wells Fargo Audit Team?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Approximately when was that?

21 A. A number of weeks after I had joined the firm, so early
22 part of the summer of 2015.

23 Q. How were you asked to assess the Wells Fargo Engagement
24 Team?

25 A. I was asked to go in and start to prereview their

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1 workpapers because we were aware that they would be inspected.

2 Q. Who asked you to do that?

3 A. Tom Whittle.

4 Q. In one conversation or different conversations?

5 A. In different conversations.

6 Q. Did you ever discuss your assistance with the Wells Fargo
7 Engagement Team with anyone else?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. With who?

10 A. I also discussed it with Dave Middendorf.

11 Q. What did he say about it?

12 A. That he wanted me to go in and help the Engagement Team
13 prepare for an upcoming inspection.

14 Q. Do you have any understanding of what led Tom Whittle and
15 Dave Middendorf to ask you to help the Wells Fargo Engagement
16 Team before the inspection?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What was your understanding?

19 A. Because they knew through the information that I had shared
20 with them, the 2015 list, that Wells Fargo would get inspected
21 by the PCAOB that year.

22 Q. And what was your understanding of what you were to do in
23 assisting the Engagement Team?

24 A. To help the Engagement Team prepare for and get ready for
25 the inspection by reviewing their audit workpapers and

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1 identifying any potential problem areas so that they could be
2 able to respond to those in the best way possible.

3 Q. To what end?

4 A. In order to help make the inspection go better.

5 Q. All right. Let's take a look at what's marked for
6 identification as Government Exhibit 801.

7 Do you recognize this document?

8 A. Yes, I do.

9 Q. How do you recognize it?

10 A. I recognize this to be an email from my KPMG email account
11 that I sent to the David Britt.

12 Q. On what date?

13 A. On June 16, 2015.

14 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
15 801.

16 THE COURT: 801 is received.

17 (Government's Exhibit 801 received in evidence)

18 BY MS. KRAMER:

19 Q. All right. What is the subject line of this email from
20 David Britt to you on June 16, 2015?

21 A. The subject is "The PCAOB selections."

22 Q. And what did David Britt write in the first sentence?

23 A. Date Britt wrote: "Thanks for catching up yesterday. It
24 was very helpful."

25 Q. As of June 16, 2015, had you been meeting with David Britt

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1 on a regular basis?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. For what purposes?

4 A. Both to prepare for a presentation that he and I had made
5 at this banking partner manager conference, both to talk
6 through the results of PCAOB inspections that were occurring at
7 that point in the summer, and just on general other kind of
8 banking audit guidance matters.

9 Q. But the management conference, or the partner management
10 conference that you referenced, do you remember when it was in
11 relation to this email, Government Exhibit 801?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Approximately when was it in relation to June 16, 2015?

14 A. It was the previous week, so about a week before this
15 email.

16 Q. Did you have any meetings with David Britt to prepare for
17 that conference?

18 A. Yes, I did.

19 Q. In any of those meetings, did the subject of PCAOB
20 selections come up?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. On that subject, what did you and David Britt talk about?

23 A. We discussed the banking inspections for 2015, including
24 the ones that had already been announced by the PCAOB, and I
25 told him, or gave him the names of the other banks that the

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1 PCAOB was planning to inspect but had not yet been
2 communicated.

3 Q. Did there come a time in that conversation when David Britt
4 asked you for anything?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What did he ask you for?

7 A. He asked me for the names of those other banks, who else
8 was going to get inspected.

9 Q. And as of the time that he made that request, had some of
10 them not been announced yet by the PCAOB?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What was your understanding at the time he asked you for
13 the identities of those banks that had not yet been announced
14 as to whether or not they were confidential?

15 A. I knew that they were confidential.

16 Q. Did you share the confidential information that David Britt
17 asked for?

18 A. Yes. I shared with him all the names that I could remember
19 off the top of my head.

20 Q. Why did you do that?

21 A. Both because it made me look good with David. It was
22 information he was asking for, and I knew it was improving my
23 relationship and my standing with him by giving him that
24 information. I also knew it was just expected of me to answer
25 those type of questions.

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1 Q. All right. Let's take a look at the second sentence in
2 Government Exhibit 801. What did he say there?

3 A. He wrote: "I wondered if you could do me a favor. I think
4 when we were going through the list of bank selections, you
5 couldn't recall the last three bank names without your notes.
6 Would you be able to get me the last three for 2015?"

7 Q. What did you understand him to be asking for?

8 A. He was asking for the remaining names of who the PCAOB was
9 planning to inspect in 2015 for those banks.

10 Q. And what is your understanding of why he asked for those?

11 A. Because he was the co-banking leader in charge of audit,
12 and it was information that he would particularly find
13 important and useful to have.

14 Q. What did you do in response to his request for the rest of
15 the confidential PCAOB banking selections?

16 A. I remember replying to this email and giving him the rest
17 of those names, the complete list of banks and other financial
18 services issuers.

19 Q. Let's take a look at what's marked for identification as
20 Government Exhibit 802R.

21 Do you recognize this document?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. How do you recognize it?

24 A. I recognize this to be an email that I sent from my KPMG
25 email account.

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1 Q. On what date?

2 A. June 16th, 2015.

3 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
4 802R.

5 THE COURT: 802R is received in evidence.

6 (Government's Exhibit 802R received in evidence)

7 BY MS. KRAMER:

8 Q. Looking at the first email in this chain, the last one on
9 the second page, is that the request from David Britt that is
10 in evidence as Government Exhibit 801 that you were just
11 testifying about?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. OK. And on what date did you respond?

14 A. I responded that same day, Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

15 Q. OK. Focusing on the second paragraph of your email, what
16 did you write?

17 A. I write: "As for the 2015 inspections, here are the
18 targets. Please note there is some sensitivity with these, and
19 some of the teams have not yet been officially notified by the
20 PCAOB, so please use your discretion with this info."

21 Q. And what did you then provide below that paragraph?

22 A. I provided him with the names of both the bank selections
23 that PCAOB was planning to inspect that year as well as the
24 other financial services inspections that they had on their
25 2015 inspections list.

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1 Q. Where did you get this list that you typed into the email
2 and sent to David Britt in June of 2015?

3 A. I got this from the confidential information that I had
4 stolen from the PCAOB.

5 Q. Did you get it from electronic documents or hardcopy
6 documents?

7 A. I believe I got this -- I got this from the electronic 2015
8 GNF Planning Profile.

9 Q. And that's one of the documents that you saved onto your
10 desk-top and then onto a hard drive and took with you to KPMG?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Why, looking back at the second sentence in this paragraph,
13 "Please note," why did you tell David Britt that this
14 information was sensitive?

15 A. Well, I knew that -- well, I knew that David knew this was
16 confidential because this hadn't been announced. That I did
17 not want David to forward or send this widely, to start telling
18 all these other banks that they weren't getting inspected,
19 because I did not want it to get back to the PCAOB that I had
20 taken it or was sharing this information.

21 Q. All right. Let's look below the list, at the sentence
22 beginning with the word "Note." What did you write in that
23 sentence?

24 A. "Note there were a few PCAOB selections which had yet to be
25 chosen some one or two other FS/banking inspections may get

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1 added (the PCAOB will inspect a few selections which have been
2 subject to KPMG QP review in order to evaluate the efficacy of
3 that program)."

4 Q. All right. So in the first line where you wrote, "which
5 had yet to be chosen, some one or two," is that what you meant
6 to write?

7 A. I meant to say "so" instead of "some:" "So which had yet
8 to chosen so one or two other banking inspections may get
9 added."

10 Q. Why did you write that sentence in your email to David
11 Britt letting him know that there may be additional financial
12 services inspections added?

13 A. Because I wanted David to know that if the PCAOB announced
14 an inspection that was not on this list, that it was for
15 another reason and not because I was wrong, trying to in some
16 way save face in case there was something different.

17 Q. In that first sentence when you wrote, "which had yet to be
18 chosen," what point in time were you referring to when you said
19 that there were a few PCAOB selections which had yet to be
20 chosen?

21 A. I'm referring to the fact that this information was based
22 on what I had taken when I left the PCAOB, which had been, you
23 know, the end of April, and so because those hadn't been chosen
24 yet by the end of April, when I left the PCAOB to join KPMG, I
25 didn't have the most up-to-date information.

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1 Q. Did you make any effort in 2015 to predict which audits the
2 PCAOB would inspect in 2016?

3 A. Yes, I did.

4 Q. When you did that, did you use any of the confidential
5 PCAOB documents you had stolen?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Why did you make an effort to predict inspections for 2016?

8 A. Well, partly because I was asked to do so, but I knew it
9 would be helpful information to the firm as they performed
10 monitoring and decided how to allocate national office
11 resources in advance of the, you know, year-end 2015 audits.

12 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification as
13 Government Exhibit 806.

14 Do you recognize this document?

15 A. Yes, I do.

16 Q. How do you recognize it?

17 A. I recognize this to be an email that I sent from my KPMG
18 email account.

19 Q. On what date?

20 A. On that same day, June 16, 2015.

21 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
22 806.

23 THE COURT: 806 received.

24 (Government's Exhibit 806 received in evidence)

25 BY MS. KRAMER:

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1 Q. Who did you send this to?

2 A. I sent this to both Dave Middendorf and Tom Whittle.

3 Q. Why did you send it to them?

4 A. Because Tom was my boss and Dave was my boss' boss, and
5 this was a topic that they had -- and that I had been
6 discussing with both of them.

7 Q. What's the subject line of the email?

8 A. "Likely 2016 PCAOB banking selections."

9 Q. What did you write in the second sentence of your email?

10 A. "This list represents the PCAOB's view of the higher-risk
11 banking audits based on the attributes ("Flags) it uses to
12 evaluate and so these were next-in-line for inspection this
13 year (I have tried to rank in order based on my best-guess of
14 the likelihood)."

15 Q. What are the PCAOB's flags?

16 A. That is just a reference to the criteria that PCAOB -- one
17 of the criteria the PCAOB uses to risk assess which inspections
18 it wants to select.

19 Q. To your knowledge, were the PCAOB's flags confidential as
20 of the date you sent this email?

21 A. Yes, I knew that it was very confidential.

22 Q. In writing this sentence and preparing this list, what were
23 you drawing from?

24 A. I was drawing from the confidential stolen GNF Planning
25 Profile that I had taken with me when I had left the PCAOB.

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1 Q. Where did you get the information that you describe in the
2 third line as "next in line for inspection"?

3 A. From that same GNF Planning Profile document.

4 Q. How did you know from the GNF Planning Profile that you
5 took on a hard drive when you left the PCAOB which inspections
6 were next in line?

7 A. I went into the flag information and sorted it so that the
8 highest-ranking flags were at the top. Then I removed the ones
9 that were going to be inspected by the PCAOB in 2015 and then
10 took the next grouping of banks, so the next highest rated
11 banks, from that flag information.

12 Q. OK. Did there come a time that you were asked to work with
13 a company named Palantir?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What kind of company is Palantir?

16 A. Palantir is a third-party data analytics firm.

17 Q. Who asked to you assist with Palantir?

18 A. Both Tom Whittle and Dave Middendorf.

19 Q. What was your understanding of what Palantir was doing at
20 the time with KPMG that you had been asked to assist with?

21 A. Palantir was hired by KPMG to do predictive modeling so
22 that KPMG could try and guess, using this third-party, you
23 know, firm, who and where the PCAOB were planning to inspect or
24 would most likely inspect that following year, in 2016.

25 Q. And approximately when were you asked to assist with this

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1 Palantir project at KPMG?

2 A. At the same time, in June of 2015.

3 Q. What were you asked to do in connection with this project?

4 A. I was asked to meet with both the day-to-day project owner
5 of this, a person from KPMG named John Amraen, and also meet
6 directly with Palantir and basically tell them what I knew
7 about the PCAOB's planning process and how they made
8 selections.

9 Q. Who was in charge of the Palantir project for KPMG, to your
10 knowledge?

11 A. Dave Middendorf was the overall project sponsor, so the
12 overall person in charge of this.

13 Q. And what did you understand you had been asked to do?

14 A. That Dave asked me to get with Palantir and tell them
15 everything I knew about how the PCAOB made its selections, the
16 criteria, and help make sure that Palantir's results were as
17 best as possible, as useful as possible.

18 Q. And what did you understand him to mean when he told you to
19 tell them everything you knew?

20 A. That I was to share all the insight that I had from my time
21 at the PCAOB, including the confidential information that I had
22 taken.

23 Q. Let's take a look at what's marked for identification as
24 Government Exhibit 810.

25 Do you recognize this exhibit?

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1 A. Yes, I do.

2 Q. How do you recognize it?

3 A. I recognize this to be the email that I received from John
4 Amraen on my KPMG email account.

5 Q. On what date?

6 A. On June 30, 2015.

7 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
8 810.

9 THE COURT: 810 received.

10 (Government's Exhibit 810 received in evidence)

11 BY MS. KRAMER:

12 Q. OK. What was John Amraen's role at KPMG at the time of
13 this email, June of 2015?

14 A. John was a director in the national office Inspections
15 Group.

16 Q. Where was he previously employed?

17 A. John Amraen was previously employed by the PCAOB.

18 Q. All right. Let's look at the email.

19 The first sentence has John saying, "Brian, thanks
20 again for your time yesterday on the selection process."

21 What had happened the day before that you understood
22 him to be thanking you for?

23 A. The day before I had had a very long phone call with John
24 Amraen where I talked him through the specific criteria, the
25 details, of the PCAOB's risk assessment process, so the

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1 specific weights and factors that the PCAOB used to make its
2 selections.

3 Q. Could you read the second sentence of the email?

4 A. "I put the following working document together from that
5 conversation principally to inventory the risk factors you read
6 off, some I documented better than others."

7 Q. Were you reading from a document when you spoke with John
8 Amraen the day before?

9 A. Yes, I was.

10 Q. What document were you reading from?

11 A. The 2015 GNF Planning Profile document that I had taken
12 with me from the PCAOB.

13 Q. What information did you read off from the GNF Planning
14 Profile to John Amraen on your call the day before this email?

15 A. I gave him the specific risk criteria, the factors, that
16 they were considering as well as the weights.

17 Q. Could you give an example of what you mean by a factor or
18 risk criteria and the weights?

19 A. Yes. So, for example, one of the criteria might be if the
20 financial statements had been restated, then that would be a
21 risk factor. Or if there had been an SEC tip received or a
22 PCAOB tip that the accounting -- that there were accounting
23 problems, or it could even be, as I mentioned earlier, that
24 there was a fly-in partner, so the KPMG partner assigned with
25 one city but the audit was in another city, the PCAOB would

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1 assign typically a weighting of either 1, 2 or 3, and it would
2 add up all of those weights.

3 Q. What was your understanding at the time you shared that,
4 from the PCAOB document, as to whether that information was
5 confidential to the PCAOB?

6 A. I knew that information was very confidential to PCAOB.

7 Q. In your experience, is that list of factors and weights
8 ever shared in full by the PCAOB with auditors like KPMG?

9 A. No, it's not.

10 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification as
11 Government Exhibit 821.

12 Do you recognize this exhibit?

13 A. Yes, I do.

14 Q. How do you recognize it?

15 A. I recognize this to be an email that I received on my KPMG
16 email account.

17 Q. On what date?

18 A. On Thursday, September 3, 2015.

19 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
20 821.

21 THE COURT: 821 is received.

22 (Government's Exhibit 821 received in evidence)

23 BY MS. KRAMER:

24 Q. All right. What is the subject line of this email from
25 John Amraen to you?

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1 A. The subject is "Palantir."

2 Q. And could you read the first two sentences?

3 A. "Brian, thanks again for your time today. The folks at
4 Palantir were very appreciative of your forthrightness."

5 Q. What had happened that day?

6 A. I had met with Palantir to go through the PCAOB, to talk
7 them through the PCAOB selection process, how many they picked,
8 what the, you know, buckets or categories they commonly picked
9 from, how many big ones, small ones, and then to talk them
10 through other specific details about that selection process.

11 Q. What did you understand John Amraen to mean when he said
12 that "The folks at Palantir were very appreciative of your
13 forthrightness"?

14 A. He was referring to the fact that I was very transparent
15 and open with Palantir and that I just revealed a lot of very
16 specific details about the PCAOB selection process to them.

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1 BY MS. KRAMER:

2 Q. When you met with them, did you share information that you
3 knew to be confidential?

4 A. Yes, I did.

5 Q. Then, in the e-mail, John Amraen reminds you that they are
6 looking for 2015 random selections and 2015 top 30.

7 What did those terms mean to you?

8 A. Those were both two of the buckets that they, the PCAOB had
9 used to pick its overall inspection list. So, for example, of
10 the 50 inspections that they had planned for 2015, that year
11 they had 10 of them that were allocated as just random
12 selections, there were five that were included in the top 30.

13 Q. And, what was your understanding as to whether the PCAOB
14 ever shared which inspections had been chosen as random
15 selections?

16 A. They did not. They did not share that information.

17 Q. What was your understanding as to whether that information,
18 that portion of the GNF planning profile was confidential?

19 A. I knew it was confidential.

20 Q. Was that information that the PCAOB ever shared after it
21 had given a firm like KPMG notice of which inspections it was
22 going to audit?

23 A. No, not to my knowledge, from my experience.

24 Q. As you shared this information with John Amraen and
25 Palantir, did you know that what you were doing was wrong?

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1 A. Yes, I did.

2 Q. When you shared this confidential information with John
3 Amraen and Palantir, did you have any concern about getting
4 caught?

5 A. I knew that John Amraen reported directly to Tom Whittle
6 and since he was in charge of the day-to-day -- I also knew
7 that David Middendorf was the overall project sponsor, and then
8 again, ultimately John Amraen and me and Tom all reported up to
9 Dave and so I wasn't worried about getting caught because of
10 Tom and Dave's specific involvement.

11 Q. What did that mean to you, Tom and Dave's specific
12 involvement?

13 A. That it was very unlikely or that I did not have any
14 concern that this would get back to the PCAOB, that I had
15 shared this very confidential information.

16 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification as
17 Government Exhibit 931. Do you recognize this exhibit?

18 A. Yes, I do.

19 Q. How do you recognize it?

20 A. I recognize this to be an e-mail exchange from my KPMG
21 e-mail account.

22 Q. From what date?

23 A. From March 9th, 2016.

24 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
25 931.

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1 THE COURT: 931 received.

2 (Government's Exhibit 931 received in evidence)

3 BY MS. KRAMER:

4 Q. Let's look at the bottom e-mail from John Amraen. What did
5 John Amraen e-mail you on March 9, 2016?

6 A. He emailed me kind of a summary of the selections that
7 Palantir, this third-party data analytics firm had made,
8 compared to the predictions that I had made.

9 Q. And let's look at your response. What did you say to John
10 Amraen in your response in the first two sentences, or three
11 sentences?

12 A. I wrote: John, this is excellent. Thank you. One final
13 edit, if possible. Would you consider adding Wells Fargo and
14 the Credit Suisse U.S. and Deutsche Bank U.S. and components?
15 I communicated those to Dave/Tom separately as I expected them
16 to also get picked, and so they were also added to the
17 monitoring program as a result.

18 Q. What led you to have the understanding that Credit Suisse
19 U.S. and Deutsche Bank U.S. would be selected for inspection?

20 A. Cindy Holder had found out from Jeff Wada at the end of
21 2015 that the PCAOB was planning to do big banking inspections
22 in both Switzerland and Germany in 2016.

23 Q. Let's take a look at what's marked for identification
24 Government Exhibit 824. Do you recognize this exhibit,
25 Mr. Sweet?

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1 A. Yes, I do.

2 Q. How do you recognize it?

3 A. It's an e-mail that I sent from my KPMG account.

4 Q. On what date?

5 A. October 20th, 2015.

6 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
7 824.

8 THE COURT: 824 received.

9 (Government's Exhibit 824 received in evidence)

10 BY MS. KRAMER:

11 Q. What's the subject line of this e-mail from you to Jim
12 Liddy, David Britt and Scott Frew on October 20th, 2015?

13 A. The subject is Japan and Switzerland banking inspections.

14 Q. And, what roles did the individuals in the "to" line play
15 at KPMG as of October 20th, 2015?

16 A. Jim Liddy was in a leadership role overseeing international
17 banks, audit quality for international banks; and Scott Frew
18 was also in a leadership role helping coordinate international
19 PCAOB inspections.

20 Q. And who did you copy on this e-mail?

21 A. William O'Mara, David Middendorf, and Thomas Whittle.

22 Q. What role did William O'Mara have at the time?

23 A. William O'Mara was in a very senior international
24 leadership position helping to coordinate with KPMG's other
25 international firms.

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1 Q. What's the first sentence of your e-mail?

2 A. Jim/David/Scott. I got a call from an old colleague over
3 the weekend and they let me know that a decision has been made
4 to inspect a big bank in both Switzerland and Japan next year,
5 so obviously Credit Suisse and Sumitomo.

6 Q. Who was the old colleague you were referring to in this
7 e-mail?

8 A. I was referring to Cindy Holder who had, in turn, received
9 a call from Jeff Wada.

10 Q. Why didn't you tell them in this e-mail that the
11 information came from Jeff Wada?

12 A. Because the people on the "to" and the "cc" line didn't
13 know who Jeff Wada was.

14 Q. What was the substance of the information that Cindy Holder
15 relayed to you Jeff Wada had shared with her?

16 A. That Jeff had told her that specifically where the PCAOB
17 was planning to inspect internationally and which ones of those
18 inspections were going to be banking inspections.

19 Q. And how did you understand from that information that it
20 meant Credit Suisse and Sumitomo would be inspected?

21 A. There is only one big bank in each of those countries. The
22 only big bank in Switzerland is Credit Suisse and the only big
23 bank that KPMG audits in Japan was Sumitomo.

24 Q. And the last sentence that begins with the Board won't
25 formally approve. What did you write there?

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1 A. I wrote that the board won't formally approve the
2 inspection plan for KPMG globally until early February so it is
3 possible something could change, but I wanted to give you a
4 heads up on this info as it may impact where we devote the most
5 time and attention in the coming months.

6 Q. So, what was your understanding as of the date you sent
7 this e-mail as to whether the PCAOB had formally approved this
8 inspection plan?

9 A. The PCAOB had not finalized its planning selections. It
10 typically did not do that until February of the following year
11 and so there was a chance that information could change.

12 Q. And, going back to the sentence that begins "I would
13 expect" you wrote: I would expect the component audits in the
14 U.S. will also get picked as a result.

15 What is a component audit in the U.S.? What does that
16 mean?

17 A. It really just means a subsidiary audit. So, for like
18 Credit Suisse, which is a big bank headquartered in
19 Switzerland, KPMG Switzerland issues the audit opinion for the
20 financial statements for Credit Suisse as a whole in
21 Switzerland. But, as part of that, because Credit Suisse is
22 such a big international bank, audit teams around the world
23 including the United States -- KPMG U.S. -- have to do work for
24 the component or the subsidiary portion of Credit Suisse that
25 exists in the U.S.

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1 Q. And so, what does this information mean about the
2 likelihood, or what did it mean to you at the time about the
3 likelihood of Credit Suisse and Sumitomo U.S. getting inspected
4 by the PCAOB?

5 A. So, it meant that if KPMG Switzerland was going to get
6 inspected for Credit Suisse in Switzerland, then there was a
7 very high likelihood that KPMG U.S. -- so the U.S. firm that we
8 were a part of -- would also get inspected for the component
9 audit work that KPMG U.S. did for that.

10 So, it was a heads up as to where the PCAOB was also
11 going to inspect in the U.S.

12 Q. What was your understanding, in October 2015, about the
13 significance of this information that Jeff Wada had shared for
14 KPMG?

15 A. I believed it to be very significant.

16 Q. Why?

17 A. Because it gave, it meant that it would give KPMG an
18 opportunity to add national office resources and really pull
19 out all the stops to make sure that the audit work done in both
20 Switzerland and in the U.S. was as great as possible or as good
21 as possible.

22 Q. And, what was your understanding as of October 20th, 2015,
23 as to whether these selections were confidential to the PCAOB?

24 A. I knew that it was very confidential still at the PCAOB.

25 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification as

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1 Government Exhibit 876. Do you recognize this exhibit?

2 A. Yes, I do.

3 Q. How do you recognize it?

4 A. I recognize this to be an e-mail that I sent from my KPMG
5 e-mail account.

6 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
7 876.

8 THE COURT: 876 received.

9 (Government's Exhibit 876 received in evidence)

10 BY MS. KRAMER:

11 Q. So, the bottom e-mail from you dated October 20th, 2015, is
12 that the document we just looked at that's in evidence as
13 Government Exhibit 824?

14 A. Yes. That is the e-mail that we just looked at.

15 Q. And what is the e-mail at the top of the page we are
16 looking at now in Government Exhibit 876?

17 A. So, it's an updated e-mail forwarding and replying back to
18 everyone 21 days later, three weeks later.

19 Q. Who did you send this to?

20 A. I sent it to Jim Liddy, David Britt, Scott Frew, and with a
21 copy again to William O'Mara, David Middendorf and Thomas
22 Whittle.

23 Q. And what is the subject line of this e-mail on November
24 10th, 2015?

25 A. Banking selection update.

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1 Q. What was the update that you gave them in November 2015?

2 A. We had -- that we had gotten new information from Jeffrey
3 Wada that the KPMG Japan inspection was going to be moved up
4 into January of 2016 and that they were not going to be looking
5 at a big bank -- meaning Sumitomo.

6 Q. So, let's look at the first sentence.

7 When you wrote that the PCAOB has decided to move up
8 its inspection of KPMG Japan forward to January 2016 (they just
9 notified the firm).

10 Who just notified the firm, to your understanding?

11 A. The PCAOB had notified the firm -- the KPMG Japan firm.

12 Q. So that was official notification?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And could you read the second sentence?

15 A. As a result of this timing, I've been told the PCAOB has
16 decided not to look at a bank in Japan.

17 Q. Where did you get that information?

18 A. Cindy Holder had discussed that directly with Jeffrey Wada
19 and then had, in turn, told me that information.

20 Q. What does the next sentence say? *Instead...*?

21 A. Instead, they are replacing it with a bank in Germany so it
22 looks like Deutsche in lieu of Sumitomo.

23 Q. Where did you get that information?

24 A. From Cindy Holder, who had gotten it from Jeffrey Wada.

25 Q. And what does the reference to Deutsche mean?

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1 A. Deutsche is just an abbreviation for Deutsche Bank which is
2 a very big bank in Germany that KPMG audits.

3 Q. What was your understanding at the time you sent this
4 e-mail as to whether this information that Wada shared with
5 Holder, who shared it with you, was confidential to the PCAOB?

6 A. I knew it was very confidential information.

7 Q. Let's take a look at what's marked for identification
8 Government Exhibit 1432. Do you recognize this exhibit?

9 A. Yes, I do.

10 Q. How do you recognize it?

11 A. I recognize this to be a text message exchange between
12 Cynthia Holder and myself.

13 MS. KRAMER: Your Honor, I would like to offer another
14 stipulation between the parties that concerns the extraction of
15 Cindy Holder's iCloud account and that stipulation is marked
16 for identification as Government Exhibit 1377.

17 It provides, in relevant part, that a vendor performed
18 an extraction of the iCloud account of Cindy Holder, accessed
19 that iCloud account, extracted all of the recoverable data from
20 it, placed the data on a hard drive, and delivered the hard
21 drive to Holder's representative who then delivered it to a
22 postal inspector working with the United States Attorney's
23 office.

24 I would like to offer Government Exhibit 1377, the
25 stipulation, and the text message 1432, subject to connection,

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1 from testimony we expect to elicit from another witness.

2 THE COURT: All right. 1377 is received and 1432 is
3 received.

4 (Government's Exhibits 1377 and 1432 received in
5 evidence)

6 BY MS. KRAMER:

7 Q. When did you have this text message exchange with Cindy
8 Holder?

9 A. On November 9th.

10 Q. And why did you write to her and tell her that you were
11 going to tell Jim Liddy that she deserved a huge raise?

12 A. Because she was the one who had just provided that
13 information we were just discussing about the KPMG Japan and
14 Germany and I was very thankful to have received that from
15 Cindy.

16 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification as
17 Government Exhibit 1434. Do you recognize this exhibit?

18 A. Yes, I do.

19 Q. How do you recognize it?

20 A. I also recognize this to be just a text message exchange
21 between Cindy and myself.

22 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
23 1434, subject to connection.

24 THE COURT: 1434 is received.

25 (Government's Exhibit 1434 received in evidence)

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1 BY MS. KRAMER:

2 Q. What are you and Cindy Holder texting about between 3:55
3 and 4:10 on this text message exchange?

4 A. One of the other partners in the national office, John
5 Mucha, was trying to track down one of the PCAOB board members'
6 addresses.

7 Q. And how did Holder respond when you asked her if she knew
8 one?

9 A. She said she didn't but that she was going to ask Jeffrey
10 Wada.

11 Q. And did you end up getting those e-mail addresses from
12 Wada?

13 A. No, we did not, as I remember.

14 Q. The PCAOB board members' e-mail addresses, are they
15 confidential or not confidential?

16 A. They are not confidential.

17 Q. Let's look at the bottom of the e-mail exchange. At 4:11
18 p.m. you wrote: "Tell Wada we own him big."

19 Is that what you intended to write?

20 A. No.

21 Q. What did you mean to write?

22 A. I meant to say "owe" instead of "own," so "tell Wada we owe
23 him big."

24 Q. Why did you want Cindy Holder to tell Jeffrey Wada that you
25 owe him big?

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1 A. I was sending positive reinforcement to Cindy expecting her
2 to pass that on to Jeff because Jeff had, up until that point,
3 had been providing this insight into these international
4 inspections.

5 Q. And why did you tell Cindy Holder the beers are on me next
6 time he's in New York?

7 A. That I wanted to thank Jeff personally for having done
8 that, if and when he was in New York next.

9 Q. Why did you want to thank Jeffrey Wada for sharing this
10 confidential PCAOB information?

11 A. Those e-mails, the information that he had provided about
12 KPMG Japan and Switzerland and Germany made me look really good
13 in the eyes of these very senior people at KPMG when I was
14 sharing that, and it was my way of kind of reinforcing that or
15 sending positive statements back to Jeff, via Cindy.

16 Q. Why did you want to reinforce that behavior?

17 A. Because I wanted the information to continue.

18 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification as
19 Government Exhibit 928. Do you recognize this exhibit?

20 A. Yes, I do.

21 Q. How do you recognize it?

22 A. This is a calendar invitation that was sent to me and
23 others on my KPMG e-mail account.

24 Q. When was this calendar invitation sent?

25 A. It was sent on January 12th, 2016.

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1 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
2 928.

3 THE COURT: 928 received.

4 (Government's Exhibit 928 received in evidence)

5 BY MS. KRAMER:

6 Q. Who is this calendar invitation from?

7 A. It was sent from Jennifer Lauer.

8 Q. Who did she report to?

9 A. She reported directly to David Britt.

10 Q. And who was the calendar invitation received by? Who is in
11 the "to" field in this calendar invitation?

12 A. Jenn Lauer, David Britt, John Klinge, me, Cindy Holder, and
13 Rob Finn.

14 Q. Who is John Klinge or what role did he have at the time?

15 A. John Klinge was a very senior banking partner.

16 Q. And what role did Robert Finn have at the time?

17 A. Rob Finn was also a very senior banking partner that was
18 working in the national office.

19 Q. What is the subject line of this calendar invitation?

20 A. Discuss Credit Suisse PCAOB comments 12/31/12 audit year.

21 Q. What did you understand the PCAOB comments -- withdrawn.

22 Where did you understand the PCAOB comments from the
23 12/31/12 audit year to have come from?

24 A. These were the comments that KPMG had received from the
25 PCAOB back in its prior inspection back in 2013.

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1 Q. When was this meeting scheduled to take place?

2 A. January 13, 2016.

3 Q. Did you have an understanding of what was to be discussed
4 at the meeting?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What was that understanding?

7 A. That the purpose of the meeting was to work through the
8 past comments that the audit engagement team had KPMG had
9 received from the PCAOB back in the last inspection, back in
10 2013, and that the purpose was to discuss those issues to make
11 sure that the national office was ensuring that that engagement
12 team was not making the same mistakes in 2016. So, that it was
13 going to do, that it was going to have done enough audit work
14 to address these issues so that when the PCAOB came back or if
15 they came back, they wouldn't get repeat comment forms again.

16 Q. What was your understanding about whether the Credit Suisse
17 U.S. audit was complete as of January 2016 for 2015?

18 A. I knew that it was not a complete audit yet so the audit
19 was still live.

20 Q. And with a live audit, can an engagement team perform new
21 procedures without any special documentation or did they have
22 to document new procedures?

23 A. New work can be done with out any sort of special
24 documentation.

25 Q. As of January 2016, had the PCAOB notified KPMG that it

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1 planned to inspect Credit Suisse?

2 A. No.

3 Q. What was your understanding about what led to this January
4 2000 meeting to discuss prior comments on the Credit Suisse
5 inspection?

6 A. That this was directly in response from the information
7 that Jeffrey Wada had provided through Cindy and then to me
8 that the PCAOB was planning to do this big bank inspection in
9 Switzerland.

10 Q. Throughout 2015 and 2016, did you get other confidential
11 information from Cindy Holder that you understood to have come
12 from Jeffrey Wada?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification as
15 Government Exhibit 1436. Do you recognize this exhibit?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. How do you recognize it?

18 A. I recognize this to be more text message exchanges between
19 Cindy and myself.

20 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
21 1436, subject to connection.

22 THE COURT: 1436 received.

23 (Government's Exhibit 1436 received in evidence)

24 BY MS. KRAMER:

25 Q. Between 10:59 a.m. and 11:02 a.m. on February 5, 2016, what

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1 were you and Cindy Holder texting about?

2 A. We were texting about other KPMG international locations
3 and when they would be back on the PCAOB's inspection schedule.

4 Q. What did Cindy Holder write to you at 12:04 p.m. on
5 February 5, 2016?

6 A. She wrote: *Call when you can. I just talked to Wada about*
7 *many things.*

8 Q. What did you understand her to mean by Wada?

9 A. She is referring to Jeffrey Wada.

10 Q. Do you recall specifically what the subject was of the
11 February 5, 2016 call about the many things she and Wada
12 discussed?

13 A. I don't remember.

14 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification as
15 Government Exhibit 1437. Do you recognize this exhibit?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. How do you recognize it?

18 A. I recognize this to be more e-mail -- sorry, text message
19 exchange between Cindy and myself.

20 Q. From what date?

21 A. From February 24, 2016.

22 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
23 1437, subject to connection.

24 THE COURT: 1437 received.

25 (Government's Exhibit 1437 received in evidence)

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1 BY MS. KRAMER:

2 Q. Could you read the first text message from you to Cindy
3 Holder at 4:36 p.m. on February 24, 2016?

4 A. Wada is the freaking man. I'd so love to hire him. Do you
5 think he he'd be willing to come do this international role? I
6 can leave Louann out and just gauge interest with Henderson.
7 It would be awkward for Jeff as he'd have to recuse himself and
8 likely want some time to pass after this inspection. Either
9 way, one day I want to buy that guy a beer.

10 Q. Do you remember specifically what that was about?

11 A. Yes, I believe so.

12 Q. What do you recall?

13 A. That KPMG had just found out there were not going to be any
14 comments on its KPMG Japan inspection so the entire firm's
15 inspection of all issuers we were not going to get any Part I
16 comments.

17 Q. What did that have to do with you telling Cindy Holder that
18 Wada is the freaking man?

19 A. I knew that Jeffrey Wada was the PCAOB location leader for
20 the KPMG Japan inspection, which meant that he oversaw all of
21 the inspections that were being done in Japan from that January
22 into February 2016 time frame.

23 Q. What was your goal in sending this message to Cindy Holder?

24 A. Well, I was very excited. I mean, obviously to find out
25 there were no comment forms but that it was also just another

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1 instance of me passing along very positive reinforcement to
2 Cindy and back to Jeff.

3 Q. To what end?

4 A. To continue to encourage Jeff on what he was doing.

5 Q. All right. I want to direct your attention to March 28,
6 2016. Do you remember in what state you were working that day?

7 A. March 28, 2016; I was working in California.

8 Q. Did there come a time that day that Cindy Holder attempted
9 to contact you?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did you have a KPMG desk phone number in New York?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q. Do you remember what that number was?

14 A. Not offhand.

15 Q. Is there anything that you could look at that would refresh
16 your recollection?

17 A. I know I had written that phone number down on the first
18 page of my notebook.

19 Q. Mr. Urbanczyk, could you please pull up for the witness,
20 court, and counsel, what is marked for identification as
21 Government Exhibit 454A, page 9?

22 Mr. Sweet, take a look at the document that is in
23 front of us, read it quietly to yourself, and let us know when
24 you are finished.

25 A. I'm finished.

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1 Q. Would you take it down, please, Mr. Urbanczyk?

2 Did that refresh your memory about what your desk
3 phone number was in the KPMG New York office?

4 A. Yes, it does.

5 Q. What was it?

6 A. It was area code 212-872-2140.

7 Q. Did you have a cell phone in 2016?

8 A. Yes, I did.

9 Q. Do you remember what number was assigned to that cell
10 phone?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What number was that?

13 A. Area code 559-977-3823.

14 Q. Take a look --

15 MR. COOK: Your Honor, may I ask the witness to repeat
16 the last answer? I didn't get it.

17 THE COURT: Yes.

18 If you can repeat it?

19 THE WITNESS: My cell phone number was 559-977-3823.

20 BY MS. KRAMER:

21 Q. Can you take a look at what's marked for identification as
22 Government Exhibit 1407? Do you recognize the information
23 contained in this document?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. How do you recognize it?

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Sweet - direct

1 A. I recognize these to be both KPMG and PCAOB contacts that I
2 had in my cell phone.

3 MS. KRAMER: Your Honor, the government offers
4 Government Exhibit 1407, subject to connection.

5 THE COURT: 1407 is received.

6 (Government's Exhibit 1407 received in evidence)

7 BY MS. KRAMER:

8 Q. So, let's look at the contact information from your cell
9 phone for Cindy Holder on page 1. What was the cell phone
10 number that Cindy Holder was using in 2016?

11 A. Her cell phone number was 713-516-1277.

12 Q. Let's take a look at what's marked for identification as
13 Government Exhibit 405, page 16.

14 Actually, your Honor, there is another stipulation I
15 would like to offer that relates to telephone records. It is
16 marked for identification Government Exhibit 1378. This one is
17 quite long so, actually, if we could bring it up for the
18 witness, Court, and counsel? I am going to do my best to
19 paraphrase, your Honor.

20 So, the parties agree that certain witnesses from
21 phone companies would testify as to the fact that Government's
22 Exhibits 400, 401, 402, 405, 407, are true and accurate records
23 of AT&T for a specific time period that were made at or near
24 the time of the activity, were made by employees with personal
25 knowledge or received the information from other employees with

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1 personal knowledge, and it was the regular practice of AT&T to
2 make those records.

3 In addition, Government's Exhibits 403, 404 and 406, a
4 witness from Verizon would testify that those are true and
5 accurate records from Verizon that were also made at or near
6 the time of the activity reflected in those records, were made
7 by Verizon employees with personal knowledge of that
8 information or who received it from other Verizon employees
9 with that knowledge, and it was the regular practice of Verizon
10 to make and keep those documents.

11 There is also information in the stipulations about
12 which phone numbers were assigned to specific individuals. We
13 may publish that portion of the stipulation at a later date but
14 with that summary, the government offers Government Exhibit
15 1378, the stipulation, as well as Government's Exhibits 400,
16 401, 402, 405, 407, 403, 404, and 406.

17 THE COURT: Okay. They're received. 1378, 400, 401,
18 402, 405, 407, 403, 404, and 406.

19 (Government's Exhibits 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405,
20 406, 407, 1378 received in evidence)

21 MS. KRAMER: Thank you, your Honor. And the
22 stipulation is 1378?

23 THE COURT: Yes.

24 MS. KRAMER: Thank you, your Honor.

25 BY MS. KRAMER:

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1 Q. Mr. Sweet, take a look at what's in evidence as Government
2 Exhibit 405 and I want to direct your attention to I believe
3 what is page 16 and focus your attention on the upper left-hand
4 corner under the line. Do you recognize the number ending in
5 1277?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And I would note for the record that the parties stipulate
8 in Government Exhibit 1378 that that cell number, 713-516-1277
9 was subscribed to Cindy Holder and billed to Cindy Holder.

10 Take a look at line 248 on page 18. Do you see where
11 it says 3/28/16 17:33?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. First, do you know what 17:33 is in non-military time?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What do you understand it to be?

16 A. It would be 5:33 p.m.

17 Q. What time zone is listed on this record under the heading
18 Connecting Time or Connection Time?

19 A. It says UTC, which I understand to be the same as Greenwich
20 mean time.

21 Q. And so, what do you understand 5:33 to be in Eastern time?

22 A. 5:33 would be 1:33 p.m. eastern time.

23 Q. And what time, if it is 1:33 Eastern, what time is that in
24 California?

25 A. 10:33 a.m.

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Sweet - direct

1 Q. Let's take a look at what's marked for identification as
2 Government Exhibit 405D. Does this demonstrative exhibit
3 reflect the Eastern Daylight Time that corresponds with the
4 times on the line that you just read?

5 A. Yes, it does.

6 Q. Would it aid you in your testimony to use this document?

7 A. Yes.

8 MS. KRAMER: The government offers 405D.

9 THE COURT: Received.

10 (Government's Exhibit 405D received in evidence)

11 BY MS. KRAMER:

12 Q. So, under the heading originating number, what number do
13 you see there for line 248?

14 A. I see Cindy Holder's cell phone number.

15 Q. And, do you recognize the number that was called in line
16 248 that ends in 2140?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. How do you recognize that number?

19 A. That was my KPMG office line number.

20 Q. Do you have an understanding of what is in the column
21 entitled ET?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What is your understanding of that?

24 A. I believe the "ET" stands for elapsed time, which is just
25 how long the phone call occurred.

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Sweet - direct

1 Q. So, looking at the call on line 248 at 1:33 p.m. Eastern,
2 what was the elapsed time of the call?

3 A. It was zero seconds.

4 Q. Looking at the next line down, line 249, about a minute
5 later, what number did Holder's cell phone call?

6 A. She called my cell phone number.

7 Q. And what's the duration of that call, according to this
8 phone record?

9 A. Six seconds.

10 Q. Did you actually speak with Cindy Holder from your office
11 number or your cell phone in these first two calls that are
12 listed here?

13 A. No, I did not.

14 Q. Looking at the next line, line 250 about a minute later,
15 what number did Holder's cell phone call?

16 A. She again called my cell phone number.

17 Q. And what's the elapsed time of that call?

18 A. 10 seconds.

19 Q. Do you remember if you actually spoke when she called you
20 that time?

21 A. No, we did not.

22 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification as
23 Government Exhibit 935. Do you recognize this exhibit?

24 A. Yes, I do.

25 Q. How do you recognize it?

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Sweet - direct

1 A. This is an e-mail exchange between Cindy and I.

2 Q. From what date?

3 A. That same day, Monday March 28, 2016.

4 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
5 935?

6 THE COURT: 935 received.

7 (Government's Exhibit 935 received in evidence)

8 BY MS. KRAMER:

9 Q. So, what did you write to Cindy Holder in the first e-mail
10 at the bottom of this page?

11 A. I wrote in the subject line: *On a call. I'll call you*
12 *once it's over. Everything okay?*

13 Q. Why did you send this e-mail to Cindy Holder?

14 A. Because I just received multiple calls from her in a row
15 that I had missed and I wasn't sure if there was something of
16 urgency or something urgent was going on.

17 Q. How did she respond?

18 A. She wrote yes... but you need to call ASAP with five
19 exclamation points.

20 Q. Now, the time stamp on her e-mail says 10:36 a.m. and the
21 time stamp on your e-mail says 12:35 p.m. Do you have any
22 understanding about why it appears that she responded to you
23 before you sent an e-mail?

24 A. Yes, I do.

25 Q. I'm sorry. What was that?

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Sweet - direct

1 A. Yes, I do.

2 Q. Can you maybe move the mic a little bit closer to your
3 mouth? Thanks.

4 What is your understanding about the times on this
5 e-mail?

6 MR. COOK: Objection.

7 THE COURT: Overruled.

8 You can answer, if you have an understanding.

9 THE WITNESS: I do.

10 So, I was in California at 10:36 a.m. Because this
11 was as soon as I missed the third call from Cindy, I know she
12 was based in Houston so operating on Central Time zone. So,
13 10:36 my time was -- I'm sorry, yes, was 12:36 her time, she
14 was two hours ahead. So, the times here are just because of
15 the different e-mail exchanges that we operated on and where we
16 were versus where the e-mail was being sent from.

17 BY MS. KRAMER:

18 Q. And what did you write back to her after she said yes, but
19 you need to call ASAP?

20 A. I wrote: *"Ahhh. Okay. I want to. I think the call I'm on
21 may go for another 90 minutes."*

22 Q. What was your understanding about when you sent that e-mail
23 and response to her?

24 A. I sent that that same minute, so as soon as I got it so the
25 5:36 is the same as 10:36 a.m. California time where I was.

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Sweet - direct

1 Q. What is your understanding, if you have one, about why the
2 top e-mail says 5:36?

3 MR. COOK: Objection.

4 THE COURT: You can answer if you have an
5 understanding.

6 THE WITNESS: My understanding is that is the UTC time
7 or the Greenwich Mean Time because of the e-mail exchange, and
8 so it is seven hours ahead of where I was physically, in
9 California, at 10:36 a.m.

10 BY MS. KRAMER:

11 Q. I would note that the stipulation that is in evidence is
12 Government Exhibit 1375, in paragraph 5 it indicates that the
13 time set forth in the e-mails that are referenced therein may
14 be in the following time zones, Eastern Standard Time; Central
15 Standard Time, which is one hour behind Eastern Standard Time;
16 Mountain Standard Time, which is two hours behind Eastern
17 Standard Time; Pacific Standard Time which, is three hours
18 behind Eastern Standard Time; and Greenwich Mean Time, also
19 known as Coordinated Universal Time which is four hours ahead
20 of Eastern Daylight Time during daylight savings time and five
21 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time the rest of the year -- in
22 case anyone needed any more information about the time zones.

23 All right. So, let's take a look at what's marked for
24 identification as Government Exhibit 935D. Do you recognize
25 this exhibit?

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1 A. Yes, I do.

2 Q. How do you recognize it?

3 A. This is the same e-mail exchange between Cindy and I on
4 March 28.

5 Q. What is your understanding of what information is in the
6 yellow boxes that stick out in the right margin?

7 A. That it is just clarifying and converting the funny times
8 on the e-mails to the consistent Eastern Daylight Time.

9 Q. Would it aid you in your testimony to refer to Government
10 Exhibit 935D?

11 A. Yes, it would.

12 MS. KRAMER: The government offers 935D.

13 THE COURT: Received.

14 (Government's Exhibit 935D received in evidence)

15 BY MS. KRAMER:

16 Q. So, after you saw missed calls from Cindy Holder, what time
17 did you send her an e-mail on Monday March 28?

18 A. At 1:35 Eastern Time.

19 Q. What time did she write back to you saying that you need to
20 call ASAP?

21 A. One minute later at 1:36 p.m. Eastern Time.

22 Q. What time did you write back to her saying that you want
23 to, the call you were on may last for another 90 minutes?

24 A. Immediately thereafter, so same time, 1:36 p.m.

25 Q. Did you receive any text messages from Cindy Holder that

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1 day?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Please take a look at what's marked for identification as
4 Government Exhibit 1442. Do you recognize this exhibit?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. How do you recognize it?

7 A. It is text messages between Cindy and I.

8 Q. On what day?

9 A. That same date, March 28, 2016.

10 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
11 1442, subject to connection.

12 THE COURT: 1442 received.

13 (Government's Exhibit 1442 received in evidence)

14 BY MS. KRAMER:

15 Q. So, take a look at the message dated March 28 at 1:34 p.m.
16 Eastern. Where were you at that time?

17 A. Again, I was in my home office in California.

18 Q. Do you know where Cindy Holder was?

19 A. She was in the New York office -- KPMG's New York office,
20 as I understand it.

21 Q. What did her message say to you?

22 A. It said: "Call me as soon as you can," with three
23 exclamation points.

24 Q. Did there come a time that day that you spoke with Cindy
25 Holder?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Let's go back and look at Government Exhibit 405 in
3 evidence, or 405D actually. I want to direct your attention to
4 line 251. What is the originating number that placed this
5 call?

6 A. That is my cell phone number.

7 Q. And what was the number that received the call?

8 A. Cindy Holder's cell phone number.

9 Q. How long did this call last?

10 A. Just under 24 minutes.

11 Q. Do you remember what you and Cindy Holder discussed in that
12 24-minute phone call on March 28?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. In sum and substance, what did Cindy Holder tell you during
15 that phone call?

16 A. That she had received a call from Jeffrey Wada and that
17 Jeff had provided her with the names of who the PCAOB was going
18 to be inspecting for the banks in 2016.

19 Q. What, if anything, did she tell you about where Jeffrey
20 Wada got that information?

21 A. She explained to me that Jeff had gone into the PCAOB's IIS
22 system and had accessed the planning information for the
23 PCAOB's KPMG inspection team and had specifically gone into the
24 schedule.

25 Q. How did she know that that's how Jeffrey Wada got the

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1 information?

2 A. Because that was how Jeff had read the information to her,
3 that's what Jeff had told her.

4 Q. How did she describe for you the way that Jeffrey Wada read
5 this information to her on their call?

6 A. That during her conversation with Jeffrey Wada that he said
7 I'm going to put the phone down and read out loud and then
8 proceeded to read names of KPMG's banking audit inspection
9 clients from this PCAOB document.

10 Q. Did she tell you who the banking inspection targets were
11 for KPMG that Wada provided to her that day?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What, if anything, did you do while she was giving you
14 those names?

15 A. I grabbed a piece of paper on my desk and wrote those names
16 down.

17 Q. Do you still have that piece of paper?

18 A. No, I don't.

19 Q. Do you know what happened to it?

20 A. I just threw it away in the normal course of cleaning up my
21 office.

22 Q. Do you know when you threw it away?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Do you recall which inspection targets or issuers were on
25 that list?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Do you remember all of them or just some of them?

3 A. I believe I remember all of them.

4 Q. What are the ones that you remember?

5 A. AMBAC, Sallie Mae, Bank of California, Century Bancorp,
6 NewStar Financial, Washington Trust, UMB Financial, People's
7 United Bank, People's Financial; First Bank Corp., First
8 Business Financial, Fidelity Information Systems, and Bon-Ton
9 Stores.

10 Q. Is Sallie Mae also known as SLM Corp?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. At what stage were most of these audits as of March 28,
13 2016?

14 A. My understanding was that all of these audits had been
15 finalized by KPMG, meaning that they had issued the audit
16 opinion but that they were still within the 45-day archive
17 date, the documentation completion period.

18 Q. As of March 28, 2016, had the PCAOB told KPMG that these
19 audits were going to be inspected?

20 A. No, they had not.

21 Q. What was your understanding on March 28, 2016, about
22 whether this was confidential information?

23 A. I knew this was highly confidential information from the
24 PCAOB.

25 Q. How did you end things on your call with Cindy Holder -- on

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1 your first call with Cindy Holder that day?

2 A. I told Cindy that I was going to call Tom Whittle to share
3 this information with him and would call her back.

4 Q. What did you do next?

5 A. I tried calling Thomas Whittle in the office.

6 Q. Can you take a look at what's marked for identification as
7 Government Exhibit 936? Do you recognize this exhibit?

8 A. Yes, I do.

9 Q. How do you recognize it?

10 A. I recognize this to be an e-mail that I sent to Tom Whittle
11 on my KPMG e-mail account.

12 Q. On what date?

13 A. On March 28, 2016.

14 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
15 936.

16 THE COURT: 936 is received.

17 (Government's Exhibit 936 received in evidence)

18 BY MS. KRAMER:

19 Q. Looking for a second at the sent information, it says March
20 28, 2016 6:22 p.m. Do you recall what time of day you sent
21 this e-mail?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. Was it in the evening?

24 A. No. It was not.

25 Q. What is your understanding about what time you sent this

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1 e-mail?

2 A. I sent this at 11:22 a.m. California time where I was
3 working, which is right after I had gotten off the phone with
4 Cindy.

5 Q. What did you write in this e-mail to Thomas Whittle?

6 A. I wrote in the subject: *Do you have five minutes? I just*
7 *tried you in the office but think you may still be in the*
8 *feedback meeting.*

9 Q. Why did you write this e-mail to Tom Whittle?

10 A. Because I had tried to call him and not been able to get
11 ahold of him and wanted to speak to him fairly urgently, given
12 what Cindy had just shared.

13 Q. Why did you want to talk to him urgently given what Cindy
14 had just shared?

15 A. Because the information that Jeffrey Wada had provided to
16 Cindy and then Cindy had given to me was so confidential and
17 very significant to KPMG.

18 Q. Did you have an understanding on March 28, 2016, as to
19 whether that information was valuable to KPMG?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What was your understanding about that?

22 A. It was very valuable to KPMG.

23 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification Government
24 Exhibit 937. Do you recognize this exhibit?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. How do you recognize it?

2 A. This is an e-mail that I sent to David Britt from my KPMG
3 e-mail.

4 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
5 937.

6 THE COURT: 937 received.

7 (Government's Exhibit 937 received in evidence)

8 BY MS. KRAMER:

9 Q. What did you write to David Britt on March 28?

10 A. I wrote in the subject: *Can you please give me a call when*
11 *you get five minutes? It is fairly pressing. I just tried you*
12 *in the office. Thanks, Brian.*

13 Q. Same question about the time of this e-mail. Do you recall
14 what time of day you sent this e-mail?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Was it in the evening?

17 A. No, it was not.

18 Q. What time did you send this e-mail?

19 A. At -- it would be 11:28 a.m. in California where I was
20 working.

21 Q. Why did you write this e-mail to David Britt?

22 A. Because after not getting ahold of Tom Whittle I tried to
23 call David Britt as well because I wanted to share this
24 information with him as quickly as possible, too.

25 Q. Why did you want to share this information with David Britt

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1 as quickly as possible?

2 A. For the same reasons as with Tom; because it was so
3 valuable to KPMG and very time sensitive as well.

4 Q. Did you connect with Tom Whittle or David Britt that day?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. How?

7 A. I spoke with both Tom Whittle and then with David Britt on
8 the phone.

9 Q. Let's take a look at what's in evidence as Government
10 Exhibit 404, page 15.

11 First, actually, can we go back to the front page,
12 Mr. Urbanczyk? Actually, can you move off of that page?

13 Do you understand -- what is your understanding about
14 whose phone records these are?

15 A. These are my phone records.

16 Q. And what is your understanding about what time zone the
17 calls are in?

18 A. They would be in California time.

19 Q. Let's look at page 15 at 10:56 p.m., California time. So
20 what is your understanding about which call happened now
21 looking at your phone records at 10:56 a.m. California time on
22 March 28?

23 A. So, that is the same call we looked at earlier from Cindy's
24 phone record, so this is me calling Cindy on her cell phone at
25 10:56 a.m. California time and the call lasting 24 minutes.

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1 Q. Take a look at 11:21. Do you know whose number that is?

2 A. That is Tom Whittle's office number.

3 Q. Did you connect with him when you tried to call him at
4 11:21 a.m.?

5 A. No, I didn't.

6 Q. Who did you call next?

7 A. I then called Cindy.

8 Q. Why did you call Cindy Holder back?

9 A. After my first call with her I told her that I was going to
10 call Tom and then call her back.

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1 Q. And were you able to connect with David Britt?

2 A. Yeah. The next call, at 11:26, is to David Britt, and the
3 same thing happened where I called him and did not get ahold of
4 him either.

5 Q. All right. Let's look at the entry for 11:48 a.m. How
6 long did that call last?

7 A. It was eleven minutes.

8 Q. And who was that call with?

9 A. That was with Tom Whittle.

10 Q. What did you tell Tom Whittle in that call?

11 A. I told Tom that we had received notice -- or, I'm sorry,
12 advance notice from the PCAOB of who the PCAOB was going to
13 inspect for the banks that year and that this had come from a
14 former colleague at the PCAOB, and then I gave him the names
15 that Cindy had given me.

16 Q. How did he react?

17 A. Very positively and favorably.

18 Q. And what did he say?

19 A. That he would get Dave Middendorf out of a meeting so that
20 we could discuss the -- this information.

21 Q. Did Tom Whittle indicate to you one way or another whether
22 he was going to fill Dave Middendorf in on what you had told
23 Tom Whittle?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What did he say about that?

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1 A. He -- he told me that he would -- that he thought Dave was
2 in a meeting and that he would get David out of the meeting so
3 that we could fill him in on this information and would arrange
4 a conference call, or would get Dave and that they would, you
5 know, call me back.

6 Q. And what, if anything, did you discuss with Tom Whittle
7 about talking to David Britt?

8 A. I told Tom that I had tried to reach out -- that I tried to
9 get David Britt as well and had sent him an email that I
10 couldn't get him in the office, but that when David called me
11 back that I was going to share with David Britt the same
12 information.

13 Q. All right. Let's take a look back at Government Exhibit
14 404, the line at 11:59 a.m.

15 Who did you have a call with at 11:59?

16 A. That is Cindy Holder.

17 Q. And was that call interrupted at some point?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How?

20 A. While I was in the middle of talking with Cindy, you could
21 see the next call at 12:03, David Britt then called me back.

22 Q. Do you recognize that number, 212-954-3074?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. How?

25 A. I recognize that to be David Britt's phone number.

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1 Q. Do you know what it means next to the word "planallow,
2 callwait"?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What does it mean?

5 A. It means that call waiting -- because I was in the middle
6 of my phone call with Cindy Holder when Britt -- David Britt
7 called me back.

8 Q. What did you discuss with David Britt?

9 A. I told David, again, that we had just received the banking
10 inspections from an old colleague at the PCAOB and knew who all
11 the names were. I told him who the names were. And I told him
12 that I had just shared this information with Tom Whittle.

13 Q. How did that call end?

14 A. I let Dave -- David Britt know that Tom Whittle was going
15 to get Dave Middendorf out of a meeting and would get with
16 David Britt, and they were all going to call me back so that
17 the four of us could talk this through together.

18 Q. Did you have another call with Cindy Holder?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q. What did you discuss with her on your next call?

21 A. After hanging up with David Britt, I remember calling Cindy
22 back just to reaffirm this information and make sure that it
23 really was what Cindy had said it was.

24 Q. What, if anything, did you ask Cindy Holder to make
25 yourself comfortable that this was the information that she

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1 said it was?

2 A. I asked her again to tell me how she had gotten this from
3 Jeff Wada and how Jeff had explained to Cindy, how he had
4 gotten and accessed this information and tried to understand
5 why Jeff had access to this information, and to give me more
6 details about -- about the specific names themselves.

7 Q. What did she say in response to your questions?

8 A. She told me that Jeff had access to the KPMG scheduling
9 information because of the role he had at another firm, plus
10 because he had been involved in the KPMG Japan inspection that
11 prior January and February, that that was another reason why he
12 would have access to this information. She told me, again,
13 that it had come right from the scheduling information, and
14 that the order in which she had given me the names of those
15 twelve audit engagements was sequenced, which meant that they
16 were in the order in which the PCAOB was going to announce
17 those inspections to KPMG. And I remember also discussing with
18 her the banks, the names of the banks, and I recognize them to
19 be KPMG audit clients, and that it was about the right number
20 that the PCAOB normally picks for its banking inspections as
21 part of its overall inspections program.

22 Q. Did she refer to Jeff Wada by name in the conversation you
23 had with her that day when you called her back?

24 A. Yes, she did.

25 Q. And had she referred to Jeff Wada by name when she first

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1 called you and told you about this?

2 A. Yes, she did.

3 Q. Did her answers to your questions in this follow-up call
4 give you comfort that you were getting a real PCAOB inspection
5 list?

6 A. Yes, they did.

7 Q. Was a call arranged that day with Middendorf, Whittle and
8 Britt?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What phone did you use to participate in that call?

11 A. I was still using my cell phone.

12 Q. Where were you when you participated in that call?

13 A. I was still working out of my home office in California
14 that day.

15 Q. What was your understanding of where Dave Middendorf, Tom
16 Whittle and David Britt were when you had this call with them?

17 A. I understood that they were all in KPMG's New York office,
18 in one of the conference rooms, and specifically the conference
19 room next to Tom Whittle's office on the 22nd floor.

20 Q. What gave you that understanding?

21 A. Because they all called me together from the same room, so
22 I was the only one on the end of the phone, and they were in
23 the middle of talking to each other while I was on the phone or
24 when they dialed me in.

25 Q. Would you take a look at what's in evidence as Government

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1 Exhibit 404, page 16. I want to direct your attention to the
2 entry at 1:10 p.m.

3 So, again, the record we're looking at, is this your
4 cell phone -- your cell phone records?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Do you recognize on the line that says "1:10," 212-954, do
7 you recognize those numbers?

8 A. Yeah, I recognize that to be the area code and the prefix
9 for KPMG's New York office.

10 Q. Do you specifically recognize the last four numbers, 7888?

11 A. No, I don't.

12 Q. And how long did this call last?

13 A. 60 minutes.

14 Q. Did you say six-zero?

15 A. Six-zero, yes.

16 Q. And on your records, this 1:10 p.m. is California time or
17 another time zone?

18 A. This would be California time.

19 Q. And what time is that in New York?

20 A. 4:10 p.m.

21 Q. Is this a record of the call you had with Middendorf,
22 Whittle and Britt that day?

23 A. Yes, it is.

24 Q. Was anyone else participating by phone in that meeting or
25 was it just you?

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1 A. It was just me.

2 Q. When the call started, could you explain what you heard?

3 A. They were in the middle of already talking through the
4 list. It was clear that David Britt had gathered some
5 information between the time that I had called him and when we
6 were having this group call and --

7 Q. Excuse me.

8 A. And so we specifically talked through each of the names of
9 the issuers that were on that list.

10 Q. What was David Britt saying that made it clear to you that
11 he had gathered some information between the time you had
12 spoken with him and this group call?

13 A. David was talking through specific information about each
14 of the audits, the status of the audits, when the opinions had
15 been issued, which of those audit engagements had been subject
16 to one of the banking monitoring programs that the national
17 office had led, information about the -- some specialists'
18 involvement on those audits, and just a general sense of kind
19 of risk, the inspections risk, for each of those audits.

20 Q. What do you mean by "which of those audit engagements had
21 been subject to one of the banking monitoring programs that the
22 national office led"?

23 A. One of the actions that KPMG was trying -- had taken in
24 2015 for those audits, for a sample of audits, was to take some
25 of those banks and have national office resources do a review

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1 of some of the most challenging audit areas, like the allowance
2 for loan loss for those banks, those audit engagements, to make
3 sure that the national office was helping to verify that the
4 audit work was good.

5 Q. And was there specifically a monitoring program for the
6 allowance for loan loss?

7 A. Yes, there was.

8 Q. What was it called?

9 A. It was referred to as the ALL Monitoring Program.

10 Q. Did you have an understanding of whether the ALL Monitoring
11 Program was something that was utilized while an audit was
12 still ongoing, before the opinion had been issued?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What was your understanding about that?

15 A. I worked in that ALL Monitoring Program, and so the intent
16 was to have a national office specialist resource work
17 alongside the Audit Engagement Team to make sure that the audit
18 work for that area was being done as best as possible, so it
19 was occurring while the audit was going on, while it was still
20 live.

21 THE COURT: Let me just interrupt for a second.

22 Does the jury need a quick break?

23 (Jurors indicated affirmatively)

24 THE COURT: Would this be a good time?

25 MS. KRAMER: Certainly, your Honor.

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1 THE COURT: Why don't we take a ten-minute break,
2 folks. Just leave your pads on your chairs.

3 (Jury not present)

4 THE COURT: You may be seated.

5 (Recess)

6 (Jury present)

7 THE COURT: Please be seated, everyone.

8 Welcome back, folks.

9 Ms. Kramer, you may inquire.

10 MS. KRAMER: Thank you, your Honor.

11 BY MS. KRAMER:

12 Q. All right. Turning back to the phone call that you had
13 with Dave Middendorf, Tom Whittle and David Britt on
14 March 28th, did you have an understanding during the call of
15 whether David Britt was referencing any kind of document or
16 notes based on what he was saying during the call?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What was your understanding about that?

19 A. That he had taken notes from my earlier phone call with him
20 and that he had used that information to prepare this -- gather
21 information for the call that we had as a group of four.

22 Q. During this part of the conversation where Britt was
23 relaying this information, were Dave Middendorf and Tom Whittle
24 participating?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. How were they participating?

2 A. By asking questions about the audit, asking questions about
3 the partners. Tom was providing input as to, you know, his
4 experience with the partners from AQP, the Internal Inspection
5 Program, and just giving general commentary about which
6 partners had passed comment forms in the past by both the
7 Internal Inspection Program or by the PCAOB.

8 Q. How many times did you go through the confidential PCAOB
9 inspection list in this call on March 28th with Middendorf,
10 Whittle and Britt?

11 A. I don't remember but at least a couple.

12 Q. What, if anything, did you discuss in this call about the
13 sequencing of the inspections on the list that Wada stole and
14 shared?

15 A. I remember telling him what Cynthia had told me about the
16 order in which the list had been given to us was in order in
17 which they were going to be announced by the PCAOB.

18 Q. Did you tell Middendorf, Whittle or Britt who the former
19 colleague was that provided this information?

20 A. No, I did not.

21 Q. Did any of them ask you?

22 A. No, they did not.

23 Q. Were all of the issuers on the March 28th list that Wada
24 stole and shared banking issuers or financial services
25 companies?

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1 A. There were two issuers that were not, not banks on that
2 listing.

3 Q. Did you discuss those two issuers on the call with
4 Middendorf, Whittle and Britt?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What was discussed about that?

7 A. We -- I -- because I had previously asked Cindy about the
8 inclusion of those, we talked about those names and the fact
9 that the person, the former colleague that had given this
10 information from the PCAOB, was not a banking person and so
11 wasn't familiar with KPMG's audit clients or really which names
12 like on the schedule would be banks or not, and so he just kind
13 of read off as best he could.

14 Q. Which were the two that were not banks?

15 A. Both Fidelity Information Systems and then also Bon-Ton
16 Stores.

17 Q. Did there come a time during the call that you became aware
18 that someone came into the room where Middendorf, Whittle and
19 Britt were seated?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. How did that happen?

22 A. Because Fidelity Information Systems and Bon-Ton Stores
23 were not banks, there wasn't a lot of information about the
24 status of those audits, and so Tom Whittle had reached out to
25 one of the people that worked for him, a guy named Willy

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1 O'Leary, William O'Leary, to get information about who the
2 partners were and where those were located, just other
3 information about those audits.

4 Q. How do you know that Tom Whittle reached out to William
5 O'Leary?

6 A. I remember Tom indicating on the call that he was going to
7 ask William O'Leary to get this information, and then I
8 remember when Willy O'Leary walked into the conference room
9 that they were all seated in.

10 Q. How did you know, since you were on the phone, when Willy
11 O'Leary walked into the conference room where they were all
12 seated?

13 A. I remember Tom Whittle saying, you know, Hold on, Brian.
14 Willy, you know, just walked in. And I remember hearing Willy
15 then give the information that he had gathered for both
16 Fidelity Information Systems and Bon-Ton Stores.

17 Q. May I ask you to keep your voice up just a little bit?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What was your understanding about why Tom Whittle told you
20 to hold on when O'Leary walked into the room?

21 A. Because he did not want Willy to know what it was we were
22 discussing on that call and specifically the names of the other
23 issuers and this advance notice we had gotten from Jeff Wada.

24 Q. Did anyone tell you when Willy O'Leary left the room?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Who told you that?

2 A. I remember Tom Whittle indicating, OK, Willy has left and
3 we can keep talking now.

4 Q. What happened after Tom told you Willy had left and said we
5 can keep talking now?

6 A. We continued the discussion about the remaining issuers
7 that were on the list.

8 Q. Did there come a time in the meeting that you discussed --
9 that all of you discussed what to do with this confidential
10 PCAOB information?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Who participated in that part of the discussion?

13 A. Everyone that was on the call.

14 Q. And in substance, what was said about what to do with the
15 stolen PCAOB information?

16 A. I remember Dave Middendorf saying we had to protect the
17 monitoring programs and, as a result, we were going to go
18 through and do a rereview of those banking engagements that had
19 been part of this Allowance Monitoring Program while they were
20 in this 45-day documentation wrap-up phase.

21 Q. What did you understand Dave Middendorf to mean when he
22 said we have to protect the monitoring program?

23 A. Because the -- because seven of the twelve banks who were
24 on that list had been getting this national office support
25 through this allowance monitoring program, that the PCAOB's

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1 inspection results mattered more on those seven than it did the
2 others. So, specifically it was much more important for the
3 PCAOB to have really good inspections on those seven because of
4 the national office's involvement, and that was a critical
5 thing for the success of KPMG.

6 Q. Why -- what was your understanding about why it was so
7 important, given the national office's involvement on those
8 audits, that the banks in the monitoring program not get
9 comments?

10 A. One of the things that had been discussed and shared with
11 the PCAOB when these monitoring programs were introduced is
12 that one of the specific objectives of those monitoring
13 programs was to improve audit quality. And so the firm, KPMG,
14 had characterized these monitoring programs as one of its
15 solutions, one of its, you know, corrective actions that it was
16 taking to address some of the past PCAOB's issues, and so the
17 success on whether or not those inspections passed the PCAOB
18 scrutiny the next year would matter very much so as a data
19 point for the PCAOB to consider in its overall evaluation of
20 the firm's quality and progress in addressing past issues.

21 Q. What was your understanding about what effect, if any, an
22 absence of comments on inspections in the monitor program would
23 have on what would end up in the PCAOB's public Part II report
24 on KPMG?

25 A. That there is a direct correlation between the two. If the

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1 PCAOB did not have comments on the engagements that had been
2 part of this national office-led monitoring program, that that
3 would be sufficient evidence and data points that both KPMG and
4 the PCAOB would consider to be able to keep these past, you
5 know, priority year Part II reports nonpublic. So, it was very
6 significant to do that.

7 Q. Had you had conversations with anyone in that meeting
8 previously about the monitoring program being part of KPMG's
9 efforts to remediate or correct the Part II comments?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Who had you discussed that with?

12 A. With all three of those people.

13 Q. OK. So when Dave Middendorf said in the meeting on
14 March 28th that you had to protect the monitoring program, what
15 did you understand him to mean?

16 MR. BOXER: Objection. Asked and answered, Judge.

17 THE COURT: Sustained.

18 BY MS. KRAMER:

19 Q. What steps did you discuss in that meeting about how to
20 protect the monitoring program, as Dave Middendorf had said he
21 needed to do?

22 A. We discussed forming kind of a task force -- a rereview
23 team of the best banking audit reviewers in the national office
24 to go through and do a rereview of the names of the issuers for
25 each of the named issuers that had been subject to this

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1 national office monitoring program. So while they were in this
2 45-day period, we were going to go in and do this rereview of
3 the work to make sure that it was sufficient.

4 Q. What did you understand was going to be the purpose of the
5 rereview?

6 A. That we were going to go in and evaluate the audit work
7 and, when necessary, help fix and change that audit work to
8 ensure that it's reflected -- that it was the most positive or
9 favorable as possible in order to help improve the PCAOB's
10 inspections.

11 Q. In this context, what does it mean to you to help improve
12 the PCAOB's inspections?

13 A. That, really, it means to improve KPMG's results in those
14 inspections, meaning to not get any comment forms from the
15 PCAOB for those inspections.

16 Q. What, if anything, was said in the meeting about whether
17 the rereview effort would be confidential or not?

18 A. Yes, that was discussed. Tom Whittle -- I remember Tom
19 Whittle specifically saying that we needed to maintain a circle
20 of trust, that only the people in that room were to know the
21 real reason for why we were doing these rereviews.

22 Q. What, if anything, did Britt and Middendorf say in response
23 to that?

24 A. They agreed with that.

25 Q. Did you have an understanding about why everyone agreed to

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1 keep this confidential?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What was your understanding?

4 A. Because if the PCAOB had found out that we had received
5 this advance notice and then were taking action to improve the
6 inspection results, that they would be very upset is probably
7 an understatement but they would be very angry about it.

8 Q. What was your understanding about why that would be
9 negatively received?

10 A. Because this was confidential information that had been
11 stolen from the PCAOB, and rather than report it back, we were
12 deciding to take action to do things to improve, potentially
13 manipulate the PCAOB's inspection results.

14 Q. Was there any term used in that meeting for the planned
15 rereviews?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What term was used?

18 A. It was referred to as a "stealth" review.

19 Q. What was your role going to be in the stealth rereviews?

20 A. I was going to have a very direct role in not only --
21 really, leading the stealth reviews.

22 Q. Was it your plan, as someone who would lead the rereviews,
23 to comply with auditing standards during the rereviews?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Why was that your plan?

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1 A. Because these rereviews required involving lots of other
2 people, not only the other people from the national office that
3 were identified to help in these stealth rereviews but also
4 working with -- directly with the audit engagement teams
5 themselves to go through their workpapers very late in this
6 45-day period to review them and potentially make changes, and
7 that to do anything other than comply with the auditing
8 standards would cause all those other people, or any one of
9 those other people, to realize that what was being done was not
10 on the premise on which it was stated, and so any one of them
11 could have said, hold on a second, we've got to notify the
12 PCAOB. And it was just a way of ensuring that this was
13 confidential and that the real purpose of this wasn't known to
14 others.

15 Q. What was your understanding of the effect of the real
16 purpose becoming known to others?

17 A. That if others were to know the real reason, then that
18 would increase the likelihood of us getting caught by the
19 PCAOB.

20 Q. Did you talk in that meeting about what you were going to
21 do in the rereviews?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Who participated in that discussion?

24 A. Everyone on that call -- me, Tom Whittle, David Britt and
25 David Middendorf.

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1 Q. What, if anything, was discussed about the parts of the
2 audit work that were going to be subjected to the rereview?

3 A. Because the primary objective was to protect the monitoring
4 program, the primary focus was to focus on the allowance for
5 loan loss workpapers that had been subject to this national
6 office support, but that as time permitted that we would go in
7 and look at other areas that were also commonly picked by the
8 PCAOB for inspection.

9 MR. BOXER: Objection, your Honor. Move to strike.
10 He was asked what was discussed.

11 MS. KRAMER: Your Honor, I believe the witness
12 answered what was discussed.

13 THE COURT: Were you answering what was discussed?

14 THE WITNESS: I was trying to.

15 THE COURT: OK. Overruled.

16 BY MS. KRAMER:

17 Q. What was your understanding from this meeting as to whether
18 the plan among the group was to only look at the allowance for
19 loan losses?

20 A. The plan was to not only look at the allowance but to look
21 at other areas as time permitted.

22 Q. And what was your understanding in this context about what
23 it meant to look or review the workpapers in the rereview?

24 A. That what that meant was to go in and review the workpapers
25 while they were being wrapped up and to identify if there were

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1 any weaknesses and whether or not any changes or corrections
2 needed to be made in order to strengthen those workpapers so
3 that the firm had the best chance of having a positive
4 inspection by the PCAOB.

5 Q. And what was your understandings of what the plan was if
6 changes were identified or fixes that needed to be made were
7 identified?

8 A. That we would take action to recommend what those changes
9 needed to be and, if needed, do other audit work in compliance
10 with the auditing standards.

11 Q. In this meeting on March 28th, did you all discuss who
12 would be conducting the rereviews?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What was said about that?

15 A. We discussed who from the national office would be the best
16 people to be involved on this. We discussed specific names of
17 people to assign to this stealth rereview team.

18 Q. What, if anything, was discussed about their schedules?

19 A. So, we identified first who was going to be identified.
20 And then two of the people reported up to Tom Whittle and one
21 of them reported up to Dave Britt, and so both Tom Whittle and
22 David Britt agreed to free up those people's schedules so that
23 they could participate in these stealth rereviews.

24 Q. What, if anything, was discussed in the meeting about how
25 this process would start?

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1 A. That -- yes, the first thing that was going to happen was
2 David Britt was going to get each of the rereviewers access to
3 the firm's workpapers, and then I was going to have a
4 conference call with the people assigned to this stealth
5 rereview team to talk them through what we were going to do and
6 which banks we were going to do it on.

7 Q. Did you and Dave Middendorf, Tom Whittle and David Britt
8 discuss the timing of the rereviews?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What was said about that?

11 A. We -- as part of the discussion that we had, we talked
12 about where each of those audits were within their 45-day
13 archive period, and so we discussed starting with the first one
14 that was the closest to be archived and ending with the last
15 one so that the timing was we were going to do them in order.

16 Q. So on March 28, 2016, how much time was left in the 45-day
17 documentation period for the engagements that were on the list
18 that Wada had stolen and shared?

19 A. I don't know the exact number of days, but it was generally
20 between a week of the -- the shortest had a week left and the
21 longest had three weeks or so left.

22 Q. Did you say 30 weeks?

23 A. Three weeks.

24 Q. Oh, three weeks.

25 A. I'm sorry.

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1 Q. What was your understanding about whether the rereviews
2 were going to be completed before the end of the 45-day period
3 or after?

4 A. That the rereviews would be done before the end of the
5 45-day documentation completion period.

6 Q. Why?

7 A. Because the workpapers had to be archived, had to be closed
8 on that 45-day date, and so the work had to be done before
9 then.

10 Q. Were all of the KPMG audits on the list that Wada shared
11 already in the ALL Monitoring Program that KPMG had?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Do you remember which ones were not?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Which ones were not in the ALL Monitoring Program?

16 A. Sallie Mae, AMBAC, NewStar, Bon-Ton, and Fidelity
17 Information Systems were not.

18 Q. In that meeting on March 28th with Middendorf, Whittle and
19 Britt that you participated in by phone, was there a plan for
20 what to do with those audits that were not in the ALL
21 Monitoring Program?

22 A. No.

23 Q. What, if anything, was said about those?

24 A. That they were going to go away and decide what to do with
25 those and that I was to focus on the seven that were part of

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1 the monitoring programs and what the stealth reviews were going
2 to cover.

3 Q. Who was going to go away and decide what to do with those
4 that were not in the monitoring program?

5 A. I understood it to be Tom Whittle and Dave Middendorf.

6 Q. Let's take a look at what's marked for identification as
7 Government Exhibit 954.

8 Do you recognize this exhibit?

9 A. Yes, I do.

10 Q. How do you recognize it?

11 A. I recognize this to be an email that I received from David
12 Britt on my KPMG email account.

13 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
14 954.

15 THE COURT: 954 is received.

16 (Government's Exhibit 954 received in evidence)

17 BY MS. KRAMER:

18 Q. Focusing for a moment on the header information at the top
19 of the first page, how did you get this email?

20 A. This email was forwarded to me by David Britt.

21 Q. On what date?

22 A. On that same day, March 28, 2016.

23 Q. All right. Let's look at the email that he forwarded to
24 you.

25 So who are the individuals, if you can describe them

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1 generally, in the "To" field of this email from David Britt on
2 March 28, 2016?

3 A. Those are all of the banking partners at KPMG that had an
4 audit client that was part of one of the monitoring programs,
5 so those are the names that correspond to the table below.

6 Q. And who is in the "cc" line?

7 A. It is Tom Canfarotta, David Middendorf, and Jennifer Lauer.

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9 Q. What is the subject line of David Britt's email?

10 A. "Urgent - ALL Monitoring Program follow up request."

11 Q. Did you have an understanding, when you got this forwarded
12 to you, as to why the subject line said "Urgent"?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What was your understanding?

15 A. Because the 45-day date was very close or closely
16 approaching for the first one on this list, it was urgent that
17 the rereviewers get access to the workpapers as quickly as
18 possible in order to conduct this stealth rereview.

19 Q. Could you read the first sentence of this email?

20 A. "As part of our wrap-up and reporting of the results of the
21 ALLL monitoring program, we need to gather some additional
22 information from the eAudIT files of your engagements that
23 participated in the ALLL Monitoring Program.

24 MS. KRAMER: Mr. Urbanczyk, could you just blow up
25 this paragraph so that it is a little easier to read? Thank

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1 you.

2 Q. So was it your understanding that this was just -- that the
3 access that was being requested was just to gather some
4 additional information from the eAudIT files?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Was it your understanding that this request was being sent
7 as part of the wrap-up and reporting efforts?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did you understand this first sentence to be true or a lie?

10 A. This first sentence was -- was a lie, not true.

11 Q. Let's look at the chart in this email.

12 What are the engagements for KPMG audit clients that
13 are listed in the chart in this email, to your understanding?

14 A. These are all of the banking audit engagements that were
15 part of the Allowance Monitoring Program that year.

16 Q. Were the ones that were on the Jeff Wada list, are those in
17 this chart?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Are there other ones in this chart that were not on the
20 Jeff Wada list?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Was it the plan to rereview all of the engagement in the
23 ALL Monitoring Program as part of the rereview after getting
24 the Wada list?

25 A. No.

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1 Q. Which ones did the group plan to rereview?

2 A. Only the seven banks that were on the Jeff Wada list and
3 were subject to one of the monitoring programs.

4 Q. What was your understanding, if you had one, about why this
5 email went to all of the engagement partners who had
6 engagements in the ALL Monitoring Program even if they weren't
7 going to have their engagements rereviewed?

8 MS. LESTER: Objection.

9 THE COURT: Overruled.

10 A. I'm sorry. Would you ask the question again?

11 Q. Sure.

12 When you got this email, did you have an understanding
13 about why this was sent to every engagement partner in the ALL
14 Monitoring Program even though you were only actually going to
15 do a rereview of the ones on the Wada list?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What was your understanding about that?

18 A. That this email was to provide cover, or camouflage, to the
19 real reason for the stealth rereviews.

20 Q. What was your understanding about why you needed to give
21 cover, or camouflage, to the real reason for the rereviews?

22 A. Because we did not want the PCAOB to find out why we were
23 doing these rereviews and that if it was -- that it would be
24 too much of a coincidence to only do the rereviews on the seven
25 banks that we knew were on this listing provided by Jeff Wada

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1 and that had been subject to a monitoring program.

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1 BY MS. KRAMER:

2 Q. Let's look back at that fist paragraph that starts with, *As*
3 *part of our wrap up and reporting.*

4 Could you just read the whole paragraph, actually?

5 A. Yes.

6 *As part of our wrap up and reporting of the results of*
7 *the ALL monitoring program, we need to gather some additional*
8 *information from the eAudIT files of your engagements that*
9 *participated innocent ALL monitoring program. We need do this*
10 *as soon as possible and would like do this without further*
11 *disruption to you or your engagement teams. To this end, we*
12 *are requesting that you grant access to the following seven*
13 *individuals from DPP to the extent they don't already have*
14 *access to your files. If this could be done by close of*
15 *business tomorrow, it would be greatly appreciated.*

16 Q. What is DPP?

17 A. It is an acronym for Department of Professional Practice
18 which is the same thing as the national office.

19 Q. And who are the seven individuals listed below this
20 paragraph?

21 A. David Britt, Tom Canfarotta, me, Jennifer Stemple, Jenn
22 Lauer, Cynthia Holder, and Rob Larson.

23 Q. Where in KPMG did those individuals work in March 2016?

24 A. They all worked as part of the national office.

25 Q. And were these individuals discussed in the meeting that

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1 you participated in by phone on March 28 with David Middendorf,
2 Thomas Whittle, and David Britt?

3 A. Everyone but Tom Canfarotta, yes. Me, Jennifer Stemple,
4 Jenn Lauer, Cynthia Holder, and Rob Larson were all discussed
5 in that meeting as being part of this stealth re-review team.

6 Q. Let's go back to the first page. Are you familiar with
7 someone named Chris Van Voorhies?

8 A. Yes, I am.

9 Q. How do you know him?

10 A. I knew Chris Van Voorhies from my time at the PCAOB and
11 also while I was at KPMG.

12 Q. In March 2016, do you know what Chris Van Voorhies was
13 working on?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What was his role at that time?

16 A. He was a banking partner and was working on the audit of
17 NewStar Financial.

18 Q. And, to be clear, who was his employer?

19 A. KPMG.

20 Q. Was NewStar one of the engagements on the March 28 Wada
21 list?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification as
24 Government Exhibit 941. Do you recognize this exhibit?

25 A. Yes, I do.

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1 Q. How do you recognize it?

2 A. I recognize this to be an e-mail exchange between Britt and
3 I on our KPMG e-mail accounts.

4 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
5 941.

6 THE COURT: 941 received.

7 (Government's Exhibit 941 received in evidence)

8 BY MS. KRAMER:

9 Q. Let's look at the e-mail that is the second from the bottom
10 from David Britt to you, March 28th. It says 3:55 p.m.

11 What did David Britt write in the body of this e-mail?

12 A. He wrote: *Brian, would you invite Chris Van Voorhies to*
13 *your call? I thought it might make sense to hear from you what*
14 *areas you will have the others focus on. Thanks, David.*

15 Q. Did you have an understanding at the time you received this
16 e-mail on March 28 what he was referring to when he referred to
17 your call?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What was your understanding?

20 A. That one of the stated actions from the group call that we
21 had had, was that I was going to set up a conference call with
22 each of the national office people that were going to be
23 assigned to this re-review team to explain to them what it is
24 we were doing and how we were going to do it and David was
25 asking Chris to join that call.

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1 Q. What was your understanding about whether in that call you
2 were going to explain the true purpose of the re-reviews?

3 A. We were not going to explain the real reason for the
4 re-reviews.

5 Q. Okay. When you got this e-mail, did you have an
6 understanding as to why David Britt was asking you to invite
7 Chris Van Voorhies to your call?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What was your understanding?

10 A. That Chris was one of the banking partners at KPMG that was
11 working on the NewStar Financial audit and that even though
12 NewStar wasn't part of the seven audit engagements that were
13 going to be subject to our re-reviews, that he wanted Chris to
14 listen in so that Chris could do a similar exercise for the
15 NewStar Financial engagement.

16 Q. So, was NewStar part of the ALL monitoring program?

17 A. No, it was not.

18 Q. Was NewStar on the Wada list?

19 A. Yes, it was.

20 Q. How did you respond to David Britt asking you to invite
21 Chris Van Voorhies to your call?

22 A. I replied by e-mail and said: *Yes, I sure will. Thanks*
23 *David. Have you spoken to him already.*

24 Q. What were you getting at when you asked have you spoken to
25 him already?

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1 A. I wanted to understand whether or not David had explained
2 to him the real reason, like if he had brought him into the
3 circle of trust.

4 Q. How did David Britt respond?

5 A. He wrote: *Yes. Talking to him now. I told him I would*
6 *ask you and that the others on the call did not know what I had*
7 *told him and he had to keep his mouth shut.*

8 Q. Did you have an understanding when you got this e-mail on
9 March 28th as to what Britt was talking about when he said:

10 *Others on the call didn't know what I had told him?*

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What was your understanding?

13 A. That the other people involved in the re-review, besides
14 myself and Cindy, didn't know the real purpose for why we were
15 going to conduct these re-reviews and that Chris, at that point
16 now, did know, and that he wasn't to let any of the other
17 people know the real reason.

18 Q. What was the real reason?

19 A. Was to take action in order to improve the audit workpapers
20 so that the inspections by the PCAOB would later be announced,
21 would be the best possible.

22 Q. Let's take a look at what's marked for identification as
23 Government Exhibit 942. Do you recognize this exhibit?

24 A. Yes, I do.

25 Q. How do you recognize it?

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1 A. I recognize this to be a calendar appointment that I sent
2 out from my KPMG e-mail account.

3 Q. On what date?

4 A. On March 28th, that same day.

5 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
6 942.

7 THE COURT: 942 received.

8 (Government's Exhibit 942 received in evidence)

9 BY MS. KRAMER:

10 Q. What's the subject line of the calendar invitation you sent
11 out?

12 A. Monitoring program review.

13 Q. And who are the recipients on this e-mail?

14 A. Rob Larson, Cindy Holder, Jennifer Stemple, and Jen Lauer.

15 Q. Who was copied on the e-mail?

16 A. Chris Van Voorhies.

17 Q. Why did you copy Chris Van Voorhies on this calendar
18 invitation?

19 A. Because of the e-mail that I just received from David that
20 asked me to add Chris to the call.

21 Q. Let's look down at the body of the calendar invite. What
22 did you write in this calendar invitation about the purpose of
23 the call?

24 A. I wrote that the purpose of the call is to discuss some
25 additional review procedures we would like to perform over the

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1 ALL monitoring program work. I will explain tomorrow in more
2 detail.

3 Q. And when was the call scheduled for?

4 A. For that next day, March 29, 2016.

5 Q. Did it happen that day?

6 A. Yes, it did.

7 Q. Did anyone participate other than the people in this
8 calendar invitation?

9 A. No. Not that I remember.

10 Q. Did you talk to anyone about what you were going to discuss
11 in this call before the call happened?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Who did you talk to?

14 A. I know I talked with Cindy Holder about the call.

15 Q. What did you tell Cindy Holder about the call?

16 A. That following the meeting with David Middendorf, David
17 Britt, and Thomas Whittle, we were going to assemble this
18 re-review team, told her about the circle of trust and at that
19 point about us getting access to all of these eAudIT files from
20 the David Britt e-mail, and that they were going to try and
21 allocate out the seven banks so that each person on this call
22 would take a lead and we would work through this together.

23 So, I gave her kind of a heads up as to what the plan
24 was going to be.

25 Q. Why did you give her a heads up about what you were going

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1 to say about the call?

2 A. Because I knew Cindy knew the real reason for why we were
3 doing these re-reviews and I also wanted to make sure that she
4 was consistent in that communication and didn't explain the
5 real purpose for these re-reviews.

6 Q. Why didn't you want her to explain the real purpose?

7 A. Because we did not, again, want it getting back to the
8 PCAOB, the real reason for these self-reviews.

9 Q. On the conference call that you had that's scheduled in
10 Government Exhibit 942, did you assign specific engagements to
11 the re-reviewers?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What, if anything -- withdrawn.

14 Did you assign just the ones on the Wada list?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What, if anything, did you say about the fact that you had
17 assigned only a small subset of the engagements in the ALL
18 monitoring program for this re-review even though David Britt's
19 e-mail had requested access to all of the engagements in the
20 ALLL monitoring program?

21 A. I don't remember the exact words I used but that I think I
22 characterized it as that these were the seven that we thought
23 may have the highest likelihood of getting picked and those
24 were the ones we wanted to really focus in on as part of this
25 re-review.

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1 Q. Which re-reviews were you assigned to lead up?

2 A. This was one of the things we discussed on the call with
3 David Middendorf, Thomas Whittle, and David Britt, and then
4 because David Britt had identified bank of California and
5 Century being the most challenging audits, I was assigned to
6 take the lead on those two.

7 Q. And what were the other ones that were subject to the
8 re-review. Do you remember which ones?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Which ones were they?

11 A. Washington Trust, UMB Financial, People's United, First
12 Bank Corp., and First Business Financial.

13 Q. Did you play any role in those other re-reviews that you
14 weren't assigned to lead?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What was your role in those?

17 A. I was involved in the re-review efforts on all seven of the
18 banks so it included reviewing other areas that we thought
19 might get picked by the PCAOB as well as helping out the, kind
20 of the primary lead from this re-review team to review certain
21 significant workpapers that I had pretty good experience with.

22 Q. And, specifically, what did you do in connection with your
23 work in those re-reviews?

24 A. I met with the engagement teams either live or on the
25 phone. I reviewed work papers and proposed edits and changes

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1 to those work papers for the engagement team to make in their
2 eAudIT files.

3 Q. What was the objective of those workpaper changes?

4 A. To make the audit work as complete and thorough and as good
5 as possible knowing that it was going to be reviewed at some
6 point by the PCAOB as part of an inspection.

7 Q. To the best of your memory, did you propose any workpaper
8 changes that you understood violated auditing rules?

9 A. No.

10 Q. To the best of your knowledge, did anyone else propose
11 changes that you knew to violate auditing rules?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did you have an understanding during this process as to
14 whether any one of the changes you proposed would make a
15 difference in whether or not the PCAOB gave a comment?

16 A. I think some of the changes were certainly more significant
17 than others but it was really more the totality of the changes
18 that we made that I think had the biggest impact.

19 Q. How did the work that you did -- withdrawn.

20 How did you intend for the work that you did editing
21 the work papers and having other people edit work papers to
22 have an impact on whether or not the firm got comments?

23 MR. BOXER: Objection. Asked and answered, your
24 Honor.

25 THE COURT: Overruled.

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1 You can answer.

2 THE WITNESS: Part of what the PCAOB does on an
3 inspection is to review the documentation that the engagement
4 team performed for each of its various audit procedures. So,
5 our goal was to make sure that documentation was complete and
6 accurate and as thorough as possible so that all -- that it was
7 very complete. And, also, to make sure that that documentation
8 tied back as closely as possible to the PCAOB's auditing
9 standards.

10 Q. To be clear, what kinds of documentation did you recommend
11 edits to and did you observe other people recommending edits to
12 as part of these stealth re-reviews?

13 A. It would include changes to both significant memos that
14 were produced to summarize work done in a particular area like
15 inclusion memos or planning memos or approach memos, but also
16 documentation within each of the individual eAudIT steps, the
17 individual tests that they performed throughout the complete
18 set of eAudIT workpapers.

19 Q. And focusing for a moment on edits you suggested, generally
20 were they substantive, cosmetic, or both?

21 A. Both.

22 Q. What was your understanding about what steps, if any, were
23 to be taken to review and edit the workpapers for the
24 engagements on the Wada list that were not in the ALL
25 monitoring program like the one you described with Chris

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1 Van Voorhies for NewStar?

2 A. I'm sorry. Would you mind asking the question one more
3 time?

4 Q. Sure. That was a very long question. Let me try again.

5 So, you testified that Chris Van Voorhies was doing
6 his own review of NewStar because he wasn't in the ALL program.
7 Did you have any understanding of whether there were any other
8 efforts taken to do a re-review of the other engagements on the
9 Wada list that were not in the ALL monitoring program?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What was your understanding about that?

12 A. I was aware that other action was taken on AMBAC financial
13 as well.

14 Q. We will get to AMBAC in a minute.

15 Were you aware of any other efforts, aside from the
16 lie in David Britt's e-mail, to conceal the real reason for the
17 re-reviews?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What were you aware of?

20 A. At the end of the re-review process, the end of the days,
21 Cindy Holder and I created a bunch of additional calendar
22 invitations, calendar entries into my calendar and her calendar
23 to include names of other banks that were part of the
24 monitoring program but not part of the real re-reviews. And,
25 about a week and a half into the re-review program, Tom Whittle

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1 let me know that they were going to do kind of a very
2 high-level pass-through for other banks that were on the list
3 of monitoring programs but not part of the Jeffrey Wada list
4 and that I should get with David Britt to talk through that in
5 more detail.

6 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification Government
7 Exhibit 1003. Do you recognize this document?

8 A. Yes, I do.

9 Q. How do you recognize it?

10 A. I recognize this to be an e-mail exchange between David
11 Britt and I on our KPMG e-mail account.

12 MS. KRAMER: The government offers Government Exhibit
13 1003.

14 THE COURT: Received.

15 (Government's Exhibit 1003 received in evidence)

16 BY MS. KRAMER:

17 Q. So, between what date and what date are the e-mails
18 exchanged on Government Exhibit 1003?

19 A. Friday, April 8, 2016, through Sunday, April 10th, 2016.

20 Q. And what were the four other engagements that were subject
21 to a high-level re-review to conceal the actual re-review?

22 A. TCF, Northwest, CVB, and East West.

23 Q. Did you assist in any way with this project?

24 A. I had -- David asked me to have a conference call with the
25 two other national office people that were going to go through

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1 and review these four so I had a conference call with them, but
2 I did not assist in any of the review work that was done for
3 these four engagements.

4 Q. Did you have an understanding about how doing a re-review
5 on CVB, East West, TCF and Northwest would conceal the receipt
6 of confidential information from Jeffrey Wada on March 28?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What was your understanding of that?

9 A. That the, by adding four others to the list, that if the
10 PCAOB were to ask why we had done a re-review on certain banks,
11 part of the monitoring program, that it wouldn't just be the
12 seven that happened to then get picked by the PCAOB, that it
13 was another effort to kind of camouflage or provide cover to
14 the real re-review efforts that were going on.

15 Q. Were all of the engagements that were on the confidential
16 list Wada shared on March 28 ultimately inspected by the PCAOB
17 in 2016?

18 A. No.

19 Q. To the best of your memory, which ones were not?

20 A. First Bancorp. was not, Washington Trust was not, and AMBAC
21 Financial was not.

22 Q. Let's talk about First Bancorp. Do you have an
23 understanding of why First Bancorp wasn't inspected?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What's that understanding?

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1 A. The PCAOB told us that they changed that inspection because
2 of the Zika virus scare that was going on in Puerto Rico at the
3 time.

4 Q. Was First Bancorp in Puerto Rico?

5 A. Yes, it was.

6 Q. Did you have an understanding of why Washington Trust
7 wasn't inspected?

8 A. Yes, I do.

9 Q. What was your understanding?

10 A. The audit partner for Washington Trust was the same audit
11 partner for both Century Bancorp and NewStar Financial -- a guy
12 named Joe Gencarella -- and because Joe Gencarella had been
13 subject, at that point, to two PCAOB inspections on both
14 Century Bancorp and NewStar Financial and they were both clean
15 PCAOB inspections meaning no comment forms, that the PCAOB
16 decided not to inspect him a third time that same inspection
17 season.

18 Q. So, was Century Bancorp on the stolen list that Wada shared
19 on March 28?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Was it part of the stealth re-reviews?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did it get any comments?

24 A. No, it did not.

25 Q. Was NewStar on the stolen list that Jeffrey Wada disclosed

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1 on March 28, 2016?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Was it part of the stealth re-reviews?

4 A. It was not part of the stealth re-review team but it was
5 the engagement that Chris Van Voorhies went in to review, per
6 his instructions from David Britt.

7 Q. And that was the re-review that followed the David Britt
8 e-mail where he said he told Chris Van Voorhies to keep his
9 mouth shut?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And did NewStar get any comments?

12 A. No, it did not.

13 Q. What is your understanding of what impact it had on the
14 PCAOB's decision to cancel Washington Trust that Century and
15 NewStar were inspected and didn't get comments?

16 A. That because both of those did not have any comments and
17 were the same audit partner, Joe Gencarella, as Washington
18 Trust, that that was why the PCAOB decided to cancel that third
19 inspection.

20 Q. Let's talk about AMBAC. Do you know if anyone was assigned
21 to review the AMBAC workpapers after Wada's March 28th
22 disclosure of the confidential list?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Who was assigned to do that re-review?

25 A. John Broderick.

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1 Q. How do you know that?

2 A. Because Tom Whittle told me.

3 Q. What did he tell you about that?

4 A. That he had asked John to go in and review the work papers
5 for AMBAC while it was in its 45-day documentation completion
6 period.

7 Q. What, if anything, came about of that re-review that
8 happened because of the Wada list?

9 A. That as a result of John Broderick's review of those work
10 papers that he identified very significant audit deficiencies
11 and, as a result of that, the firm decided that there was a
12 material weakness in the internal controls for AMBAC and so it
13 resulted in a restatement of the audit opinion.

14 Q. Did AMBAC have to file new financial statements with the
15 SEC?

16 A. Yes, it did.

17 Q. With a new audit opinion?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did you and Tom Whittle ever discuss whether the reason for
20 the re-review was disclosed by KPMG to the PCAOB?

21 A. Yes, we did.

22 Q. What did Tom Whittle tell you about that?

23 A. That Tom Whittle told me that he had explained to the PCAOB
24 that this restatement event had just happened in the normal
25 course of the national office's review.

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1 Q. Do you know if the PCAOB ultimately inspected AMBAC in
2 2016?

3 A. They did not.

4 Q. What is your understanding, if any, about how the discovery
5 of the material weakness in the re-review affected the PCAOB's
6 decision not to inspect AMBAC?

7 A. It had a direct effect on that decision.

8 Q. How do you know that?

9 A. I know that from my conversations with Tom Whittle and
10 because of the firm restating its audit opinion meant that it
11 was self-identifying it as a failed audit. And so, there was
12 no reason for the PCAOB to identify something that it had
13 already found to have been a failed audit.

14 Q. Do you know whether the firm had any communications with
15 the PCAOB in asking the PCAOB not to inspect AMBAC?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Who told you that?

18 A. Tom Whittle told me that.

19 Q. Take a look at what's marked for identification as
20 Government Exhibit 357. Do you recognize the form that is in
21 Government Exhibit 357?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. How do you recognize it?

24 A. This is a form 10-K/A, which means it is the 10-K amendment
25 that's filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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1 Q. Mr. Urbanczyk, could you flip through these pages? Is
2 Government Exhibit 357 an excerpt of the 10-K/A for AMBAC?

3 A. Yes. Yes, it is.

4 MS. KRAMER: Your Honor, the government offers
5 Government Exhibit 357.

6 THE COURT: Received.

7 (Government's Exhibit 357 received in evidence)

8 BY MS. KRAMER:

9 Q. Do you know whether the PCAOB replaced the cancelled
10 inspections for First Bancorp, Washington Trust, and AMBAC?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Which engagement replaced AMBAC?

13 A. AMBAC was replaced with TCF Financial.

14 Q. Was TCF Financial part of the camouflage review?

15 A. Yes. It was one of those four banks that had been
16 identified by David Britt.

17 MS. KRAMER: Your Honor, I note that it is a couple of
18 minutes past 5:00. This a good stopping point?

19 THE COURT: Yes.

20 It is 5:00, folks -- a little past 5:00. I will let
21 you go for the evening. We will continue tomorrow morning,
22 9:30. We will have coffee for you again around 9:00. Have a
23 good night, everybody, leave your note pads on your chairs, and
24 we will see you tomorrow morning.

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1 (Jury not present)

2 THE COURT: Anything anyone wanted to address this
3 evening?

4 MS. MERMELSTEIN: One matter briefly, your Honor.

5 I think your Honor had asked this morning which
6 outstanding matters required rulings. I think the one that
7 requires a ruling before tomorrow is with respect to Wada's
8 request that he be allowed to question Mr. Sweet about the
9 criminal conduct that your Honor had precluded
10 cross-examination on in a modified form that would focus on its
11 embarrassing nature and the fact that it happened in multiple
12 locations but without naming the crime.

13 I think for the reasons we have said we don't think
14 that that is an inappropriate suggestion and I think that the
15 ruling your Honor has already made precluding that
16 cross-examination is appropriate. There will be plenty for
17 defense counsel to work with with this witness but I think we
18 need a ruling because I expect that cross-examination will
19 start tomorrow.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 Yeah. My ruling on that stands. There is an under
22 seal letter addressing proposed alternative questions. I think
23 those questions are, if anything, more prejudicial and for the
24 same reasons I ruled previously, those questions will not be
25 permitted.

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1 Anything else we need to address?

2 MR. COOK: Yes, your Honor.

3 One issue has come up, actually came up throughout
4 Ms. Kramer's direct examination that we didn't want to raise, I
5 didn't want to raise during the exam but I expect to be a
6 problem tomorrow, and that is this continued inclusion within
7 questions to the witness of statements like "the list Wada
8 stole," or "the confidential list that was taken by Mr. Wada,"
9 or "Wada's stolen list," on questions that have nothing to do
10 with the source of the information. That is improper argument
11 couched within a question to the witness. That evidence has
12 only been admitted subject to later prove-up which hasn't
13 happened yet.

14 So, we would request that she be instructed to refrain
15 from including that argument in future questions.

16 THE COURT: Do you want to respond?

17 MS. KRAMER: Your Honor, I am looping back into
18 questions what the witness has already testified to and not
19 making argument. I don't know that any of us want to sit here
20 for the extra four hours that it would take for every time I
21 want to reference the list as part of a question, was that
22 engagement part of the list? If I went back and read a
23 paragraph of the information that Mr. Cook is suggesting I
24 should read I think the witness testified about his
25 understanding based on both his experience and also what Cindy

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1 Holder told him in furtherance of the conspiracy as to where
2 Wada got this information.

3 I don't think I am saying anything that is
4 argumentative and they're proper questions.

5 MR. COOK: Your Honor, the only testimony we have
6 heard so far about about the source of what is very easily
7 described as the 2016 inspection list, the 2017 preliminary
8 list and 2017 final list, no issue with those descriptions.
9 The only thing we have heard is that Ms. Holder told this
10 witness that the source was Mr. Wada. That's it. And that
11 testimony, alone, has been admitted conditionally. So,
12 repeatedly reinforcing by repetition this argument that the
13 Wada stolen list or the list that Wada stole is improper and we
14 ask that it not continue.

15 THE COURT: Well, I'm going to direct that the
16 questions not use argumentative terms like "stolen." I think
17 it is fine to say the 2016 inspection list or the list from
18 Wada because he testified about how he heard that he obtained
19 it through Holder from Wada. So, it's fine. I'm just going to
20 cut down on the use of "stolen" repeatedly.

21 MS. KRAMER: Certainly, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Anything else?

23 MS. MERMELSTEIN: One very brief -- go ahead.

24 MR. COOK: You can say no.

25 MS. MERMELSTEIN: Oh, in that case.

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1 Unless I misunderstood -- and so you will correct me
2 if I am wrong, Mr. Cook -- we received a number of additional
3 defense exhibits last night that I understand are likely to be
4 used with Mr. Sweet and my understanding are not purely for
5 impeachment, that is, under the agreement you are intending to
6 offer at least some, majority of what you have given us, is
7 that right, that you intend to offer those things?

8 MR. COOK: Some of which we intend to offer.

9 MS. MERMELSTEIN: I flag it only because it may be
10 premature but a significant portion of the exhibits relate to
11 other illegal conduct by Mr. Sweet, principally relating to tax
12 issues and his ownership of various investment properties. The
13 government obviously has no objection to being cross-examined
14 about those topics and confronted, if appropriate, with
15 documents, but in broad strokes, recognizing these may have to
16 be taken up one by one. But, I think it is helpful for
17 everyone to be aware that it is coming. I think they are
18 almost exclusively extrinsic evidence used to impeach a witness
19 and that is not proper.

20 And so, we can see how it all shakes out but I expect
21 the government will object to the admission of many of those
22 documents, though not to their use, and I just don't want them
23 to be surprised.

24 MR. COOK: And, your Honor, we do intend to have most
25 of them or many of them admitted. They are evidence of bias.

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1 That would be proper to have those documents admitted. If they
2 have an objection to our offering them based on the testimony
3 of the witness, I am sure they'll raise it and we can deal with
4 it.

5 THE COURT: You are saying it is not extrinsic
6 evidence used to impeach?

7 MR. COOK: It is not extrinsic evidence to prove his
8 character, we are offering it as evidence of bias and that
9 evidence is admissible.

10 MS. MERMELSTEIN: It's not.

11 Mr. Cook is of course right the evidence of bias is
12 never extrinsic, but evidence that the defendant engaged in
13 other wrongful conduct is not evidence of his bias. I have not
14 briefed this but here is Courtroom Evidence on the issue. Here
15 is a case, it is Giorgio, looking for the cite which is on the
16 prior page 777 F.3d 125, Third Circuit from 2015. The defense
17 was permitted to cross-examine a cooperating witness about
18 post-cooperation acts of fraud. The witness denied the
19 allegation and the Court barred further questioning on the
20 matter. The defense sought to introduce testimony of witnesses
21 to prove the post cooperation fraud. The Trial Court would not
22 permit it and that was upheld on appeal.

23 You can't take anything that has happened that's bad
24 and turn it into bias in order to avoid the general rule about
25 extrinsic evidence and so I think that maybe this is going to

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1 have to be done sort of as things come in, but extrinsic
2 evidence that the cooperating witness, for example, engaged in
3 improper tax fraud is not about bias, it's just other bad acts
4 and it is sort of classic extrinsic evidence that can't come
5 in.

6 So, I wanted to flag it.

7 THE COURT: Okay. I will think about it. I mean,
8 that sounds like extrinsic evidence that doesn't come in but
9 can be questioned about for impeachment. But, I will take a
10 look at some of the sources tonight.

11 MR. COOK: Okay.

12 MS. KRAMER: And I think Mr. Cook has a plan on
13 cross-examination for use of technology that he just wanted to
14 put before your Honor that we know about and consent to.

15 MR. COOK: Your Honor, I intended to use a flip chart
16 during the cross-examination and help aid, a demonstrative.
17 There is really no convenient place to place a flip chart where
18 everyone can see it. So, I talked with Ms. Kramer about using
19 an electronic device that would, in real-time, list or display
20 what I am writing as if it were a flip chart. I explained to
21 Ms. Kramer that of course she can object, I won't be writing
22 any argumentative but merely things that the witness testifies
23 to to aid the jury.

24 MS. KRAMER: So, after Mr. Cook's cross concludes, he
25 is going to e-mail us whatever demonstratives he makes so that

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1 we have them as we would if they were a flip chart, and if that
2 happens we have no objection to the new technology.

3 THE COURT: Okay. I just want to be aware. I
4 appreciate your flagging issues in advance like this during
5 testimony and before testimony. One issue that I know I think
6 is, has been raised and I wanted to know the status of it is
7 the issue of the notes on I think it was Mr. Middendorf's
8 phone. I was wondering if there was any update as to the
9 dispute about the notes. I know it is kind of a technical
10 issue involving the notes.

11 MS. ESTES: Yes, your Honor. I don't think there is
12 any update right now. The motion is before your Honor. We are
13 not expecting to call that witness until next week at the
14 earliest, probably end of next week.

15 THE COURT: Okay. So, things stand, as stated, in the
16 latest letters.

17 MS. ESTES: Yes, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Okay. And there are also some letters
19 relating to Ms. Rodriguez' testimony, there is a motion to
20 strike as to her testimony based on hearsay and foundation and
21 I will rule on that. The one question I had about that is is
22 there going to be any more relevant testimony involving someone
23 else who was involved in the preparation of those cost
24 estimates?

25 MS. MERMELSTEIN: So, I think that there already

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1 have --

2 THE COURT: Would you pull the mic closer?

3 MS. MERMELSTEIN: Sorry. Yes.

4 I would note that while it is not with respect to the
5 preparation of the cost estimates, Mr. Sweet has now added to
6 and confirmed the sort of estimate of hours that goes into
7 planning, generally, and I would say that it is not yet clear
8 but there may well be more testimony in various of these
9 pieces. And so, to the extent that that would affect your
10 Honor's ruling, it may make sense to wait until we have had a
11 little more evidence come in to see if that changes how your
12 Honor feels.

13 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else?

14 MS. MERMELSTEIN: No, your Honor.

15 MS. LESTER: Your Honor, with respect to the last
16 statement by Ms. Mermelstein, part of the issue with
17 Ms. Rodriguez' testimony it was not clear to the defense that
18 while she testified about the planning process and we knew that
19 was going to be a subject matter she would cover, we did not
20 know that she would necessarily testify as to an amount and
21 that discovery was only provided to the defense the day her
22 direct examination started.

23 So, if there is going to be another witness who is
24 going to testify as to an amount rather than just general
25 testimony about the planning process, we would appreciate it if

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1 that witness could be identified, in advance.

2 MS. MERMELSTEIN: That's no problem.

3 THE COURT: Do you know if there will be? Or not.

4 MS. MERMELSTEIN: I think we are still considering but
5 we will make sure there is plenty of notice.

6 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Thanks everybody. Have
7 a good night.

8 (Adjourned to February 20, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.)
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